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LD 1062

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Committee,
Please oppose LD 1062.

Passing background checks last year (LD 224) for all gun sales was an important step toward keeping guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them, including domestic abusers, people convicted of other violent crimes, and others.

Some important points:

- Background checks are easy, convenient, and impose almost no burden on law-abiding gun purchasers. In about 90% of cases background checks are resolved almost immediately, often in a manner of minutes.
- They also rarely provide false-positive results. (The FBI's data demonstrates background checks are accurate approximately 99.3 to 99.8% of the time.)
- Around 80% of all firearms acquired for criminal purposes are obtained through transfers from unlicensed sellers who are not required to perform background checks under Maine or federal law.
- There will be no registry as a result of this bill. All records for background checks are, by law, kept only by the dealer who sold them. There is no state or federal registry, and this bill would not create one.

Let's not go backward. Please oppose LD 1062.