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LD 1062 - An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms

Good morning, distinguished members of the Committee on Judiciary. I wish to add my testimony to the record today. My name is Michael Parker. I am a resident of the Town of Strong. I am writing to voice my strong support for LD 1062 - An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms.

As a life-long sportsman and advocate of our Constitutionally-guaranteed Second Amendment rights, I encourage you to support the elimination of this obstruction to the free exercise of those rights. Gun owners in Maine have a very long tradition of enjoying the freedom to sell their property to other gun owners without being obstructed by ineffective and burdensome regulatory restrictions. Few (if any) crimes resulting in the use of these freedoms have been documented; certainly fewer than are committed by persons who have PASSED a 'NICS' check. As with illicit drugs - a person wishing to obtain the 'thing' is going to find a way to do so. Prohibiting the lawful does not stop crime. Maine gun owners are a responsible and civic-minded group of people; we are more than aware of the responsibilities and consequences of the use of our freedoms, and we take this seriously. Those who do not will not be hampered by 'the law'.

Thank you for your willingness to consider my position on this issue. I ask you to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 1062 - An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms.