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Please oppose LD 1062. Waiting 72 hours is a small inconvenience for a purchase that can, in the wrong hands, have a devastating impact.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration in your efforts to ensure the safety of all people in Maine

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