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Background checks for private sales of firearm should be eliminated. Please vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 1062.

Background checks have never been shown to decrease violent crime in any way. Criminals who know they will not pass a background check will not submit to that process. Even if someone attempted to purchase a firearm and failed a background check, one attempt that shows they are a prohibited person will not deter them from purchasing firearms, but rather send them to illegal sources.

The expansion of background checks cannot be enforced unless a gun ownership registry is formed and flies in the face of the law in our country preventing such.

Despite errant claims to the contrary, you cannot advertise the sale of firearms on social media platforms such as Facebook. Gun Owners of Maine moderates a Facebook page of 40,000 members. It does not allow firearms sales, transfers, or even the discussion of such.

Thank you.