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LD 1062

My name is Richard Shapiro, and I am from Brunswick, and I'm testifying in favor of LD 1062 An Act to Eliminate Background Checks for Private Sales of Firearms

Please vote in favor of this proposal.

This proposal would return Maine to the status quo before the previous legislative session, where the odd and onerous requirement of taking one's firearm to an FFL for a background check if one had advertised it for a legal private sale, was imposed on law abiding Maine citizens.

Federal law would still require background checks be performed for all gun sales by holders of FFL licenses. Maine, the safest state in the country, would simply rejoin the dozen or so other safe states that do not infringe upon private firearm sales.

I would point out that this law is utterly unenforceable, not to mention arbitrary. It will not stop prohibited people from obtaining firearms illegally. It will merely impede the lawful, innocent trade between law-abiding Maine citizens.

Please remember that under the Maine Constitution "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned." And subjecting Maine citizens to the deeply flawed federal background check system simply because they had told people that they had a gun to sell is like throwing darts at somebody's constitutional right.

Thank you.