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LD 1009

My name is Richard Shapiro, I'm from Brunswick, and I'm testifying in support of "LD 1009 An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes"

Please vote for this proposition.

This is a recognition of the fact that a blanket lifetime ban on 2nd Amendment rights for all convicted felons, based solely on their status as convicted felons has been ruled unconstitutional at the federal level – and that such rulings also apply to states.

This is NOT a blanket restoration of rights to convicted felons. This is a very limited, reasonable, proposal, that only restores rights after a lengthy 10 year delay, only for certain non-violent crimes, and only after application for such restoration.

Any person becomes permanently ineligible for such restoration upon FURTHER conviction of any felony whatsoever, even a non-violent one.

The blanket lifetime denial of 2nd Amendment rights for any and all non-violent felonies, under whatever circumstances, remains draconian and inappropriate.

Please remember - if Maine does not pass this reasonable measure, it will be forced upon us in the courts.

Thank you.