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Dear Sen Carney, Rep Kuhn, and members of the committee, I am Janice Vance and I live in Kennebunk. I have read through the proposed bill language several times and am puzzled as to why certain exclusions are specified. Until the bill language can be written in a more accessible manner, I would ask you to vote "ought not to pass" or table the bill for now. To quote from the bill summary: "Eligibility for restoration of firearm rights is excluded for certain enumerated categories of crimes, including murder; any Class A crime; any Class B or C crime in violation of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, chapter 9, 11, 12, 13, 33 or 45; robbery; assault on an officer; assault on an emergency medical services person; assault on a firefighter; aggravated sex trafficking; and sex trafficking." Why would specific types of crimes be eligible for what is essentially a mulligan? The privilege of owning, using, or controlling a firearm should be reserved only for law-abiding citizens. The conviction of a felony – ANY felony – should permanently disqualify someone from this privilege.