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Memorandum of Opposition

Date: May 01, 2025

To: Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee Members,

From: Jonathan Martell

RE: LD 1463 -An Act to Prohibit the Auctioning of State Surplus or Forfeited Firearms

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD 2130 - An Act to Prohibit Unauthorized Paramilitary Training.

My Name is Jonathan Martell, from Sanford.

I am a currently serving Sanford City Councilor, Lifetime member of the Gun Owners of Maine, Legislative Officer for the Sanford Springvale Fish and Game Club, NRA Range Safety Officer, and lifelong firearms enthusiast.

As a taxpayer and firearm collector and owner, I'm appalled that the state wants to waste more tax dollars by paying money to destroy firearms rather than sell them legally to a FFL or other agency. Despite what some may say in other testimony, these firearms are not top of the line or dangerous. They are older standard off the shelf firearms that may still be perfectly serviceable or collectible. The state will not be selling M16's

The used firearms market is very helpful for those most likely to be targeted for crimes, the single mothers, the poor, the elderly. These surplus firearms may provide the protection needed at a reasonable price when they couldn't afford something full price that is new.

This bill is nothing more than more gun control aimed and preventing people from seeing some benefit of their tax dollars in reasonably priced firearms.

Please vote no on this bill.

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