

## **GUN OWNERS OF MAINE**

**DEFENDING GUN RIGHTS** 

## In Regard to:

## LD 1009: An Act to Restore Full Civil Rights to Possess Firearms to Persons Previously Convicted of Certain Nonviolent Felony Crimes

We submit this testimony in support of this proposed legislation and would urge a vote of OUGHT TO PASS.

This proposal clearly defines and outlines a process by which select individuals could see their firearms rights restored.

This is an important acknowledgement of the work done both by the individual in question as well as the judicial process.

One of the most common requests for assistance we get at Gun Owners of Maine is, "How do I get my rights back having lost them many years ago due to a non-violent activity."

We believe there are some individuals, as clearly outlined in this process, who have paid the price for mistakes and/or missteps earlier on in their life, and deserve a chance at the restoration of their rights.

On behalf of the Gun Owners of Maine Board of Directors,

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