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Testimony of Representative Vicki Doudera supporting
LD 22, An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Good afternoon Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. My name is Vicki Doudera and I represent House District 41, which includes Camden and Rockport. I am here today in support of **LD 22, An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons.**

This bill is very straightforward: it prohibits the sale or transfer of a firearm to a person who is not legally allowed to own or possess one.

I have met many, many gun owners in our state and when we talk about firearms, we agree on many things: first, our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. Second, that safely storing firearms is critical. Third, education is key to people understanding responsible gun ownership. And finally, we agree that persons prohibited from having guns should not be able to get them.

I thank Senator Carney for bringing this bill forward and for working with the stakeholders involved to address this public safety concern. This bill is responsible and sensible, and it will help save Maine lives. Guns do not belong in the hands of those prohibited from having them.

I urge you to support the measure.

Thank you.

Representative Vicki Doudera