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### Testimony in Opposition

LD 22, An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons

Before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

Presented by Mike Shaw on behalf of David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine - Institute for Legislative Action (SAM-ILA)

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The Honorable Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Mike Shaw, I am presenting this testimony on behalf of David Trahan, Executive Director of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine-Institute for Legislative Action, testifying in opposition to LD 22, *An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons*.

LD 22 is redundant; it is already illegal and a felony under federal law to intentionally transfer a firearm to a prohibited person. The very title of the bill illustrates the point, and is another oxymoron, impede something that is already impeded by a federal law? Is there a problem with the existing federal law? If so, doesn't it make sense or be more effective to evaluate the federal law and make changes if necessary?

National gun control organizations have had a very sympathetic Congress and President for several years and a new ATF Director supported by the administration and gun control advocates. If there is a problem at the federal level and we are not sure there is, why hasn't it been addressed by the administration and the new Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Director?

This bill is unnecessary, and we urge the committee to vote Ought Not to Pass.