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Testimony of Representative Vicki Doudera supporting
**LD 168, An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale,
Transfer or Exchange of Firearms**
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 168, An Act Regarding Criminal Background Checks for the Sale, Transfer or Exchange of Firearms.**

This bill requires criminal background checks of buyers of firearms for private sales, transfers or exchanges at gun shows or private sales, transfers or exchanges resulting from advertising or marketing subject to certain exceptions.

It's important to note that this bill does NOT prevent the transfer, exchange or sale between family members.

I will be very brief today and simply restate a point I made earlier in the day: persons prohibited from having guns should not be able to get them. This bill, by requiring background checks wherever firearms are sold, closes a loophole that has allowed bad actors in our state to access guns.

I thank Speaker Talbot-Ross for bringing this bill forward. It is a responsible measure that makes Maine safer. I urge you to close this loophole and vote yes.

Thank you.

Representative Vicki Doudera