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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Institute for Legislative Action, (SAM-ILA) is testifying in opposition of L.D. 411 - *An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms*, and L.D. 1463, *An Act to Prohibit the Auctioning of State Surplus or Forfeited Firearms*.

L.D. 411, An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms and L.D. 1463, An Act to Prohibit the Auctioning of State Surplus or Forfeited Firearms, do not belong in this committee.

Destroying property in state ownership, that also generates a significant negative Fiscal Note, belongs in either the State and Local Government Committee or the Appropriations Committee.

If passed, these bills would ban the State of Maine from selling firearms and instead direct them to be destroyed. For what purpose? So those that support gun control can use their destruction for political symbolism?

Many of the firearms in State possession are long guns like shotguns and older hunting rifles turned in by State agencies, like Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and are related to Game violations. I remember President Biden saying if you want to defend yourself, get a double barrel shotgun. This bill would promote the destruction of mostly hunting related firearms.

There are much better ways to create policy in this area. We will work with committee members to bring forward a better proposal.

Respectfully,

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