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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. 1379 - *An Act to Require Public Health Warnings to Be Posted and Provided by Firearm Dealers and Gunsmiths*.

This legislation is designed, much like warning label legislation regulating the tobacco industry. It is inherently prejudicial and designed to scare people into not purchasing firearms. Nearly every firearm dealer and gunsmith are private businesses. You are mandating that they post information discouraging potential customers from purchasing their products. Not all businesses selling firearms make that their sole merchandise. This law will target LL Beans, Bass Pro Shops, Old Town Trading Post and countless other businesses that sell firearms to Maine citizens.

Perhaps we should pass a law that mandates posting every voting place in Maine with a sign that says, "*When you cast your vote today, you are likely electing representation that will strip you of civil liberties for simply exercising your God given right to vote*".

Respectfully,

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