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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. 1821 - *An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers*.

L.D. 1821 mandates that all federal firearm licensees install costly and extreme security measures in their businesses and/or home. This bill seeks to create unnecessary and cost-prohibitive requirements that would raise the cost of firearms in Maine and reduce the number of gun dealers throughout the state.

This bill reminds me of a tactic used by protesters, when you want to slow down traffic, throw nails under the wheels.

Firearm dealers have a vested interest in protecting their property. They do not need a state law designed to imply that they are doing something wrong when a criminal breaks into their establishment and steals their property.

In nearly every case, the gun control activists submit bills that punish law abiding citizens with layers of regulatory bureaucracy, in an attempt to discourage them from owning or selling guns. This is just such a bill.

If you can't stop them by putting them out of business, make it costly and difficult to do business with burdensome, unnecessary regulations. As a Federal Firearm License holder, I can assure you, dealers are required to secure firearms by the Department of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The rules we are required to follow are stringent and already achieve reasonable protections.

This bill is redundant and nothing more than shingle nails under the wheels.

Respectfully,

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