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Members of the Committee

I am writing in opposition to LD 1454 and request that it be voted Ought not to pass.

Once again one the same type of bill that has been defeated time and again is back, sponsored by the same few legislators that most always sponsor bills attacking the rights of the People of Maine.

This time they are trying to take away something that that the American people have been doing ever since we've been a country. People have been building their own guns for many reasons and the overwhelming majority of them are for personal use and nothing else. Some of them the person has owned for decades and has there ever been an incident in Maine in which they were misused in any way? Serial numbers for firearms were not mandatory until 1968, I and many others own perfectly legal, everyday firearms with no serial numbers. Why are we making a law that turns regular Main residents into criminals for property they already own?

Over the last ten or so years there have been multiple referendums here, voted on by actual people that reside here. They have been to restrict hunting, change methods of baiting and to implement stricter background checks, etc., etc..

All of these have been voted on multiple times by the People and they been rejected, every single time!

Isn't it time we started paying more attention to the wishes of the people of Maine instead of the well funded, out of state, paid lobbyists that keep pushing for more "Keeping up with Jones's" type laws that are obviously NOT supported by the majority of people that live here? Thank you for listening.