

## Testimony submitted on LD 1179

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Please **SUPPORT LD 1179**

This proposed bill would merely prohibit the use of Maine law enforcement in any capacity in a federal firearm confiscation or buy-back program without the approval of both Houses of the Maine Legislature by simple majority vote.

It thus retains state control over a critical function, and serves as a limitation on federal intrusions and wasted resources.

As the safest state in the united States this is a common sense proposal requiring our Legislators to approve potential federal over-reach.

It also serves as a possible limitation on federal waste of monies and other resources.

Gun buy-backs are frauds perpetrated using tax funds and Maine should act to prevent such frauds by the federal government absent legislative approval.

Gun confiscations are illegal, prohibited by both the Bill of Rights of the United States and also by the Constitution of the State of Maine.

This Committee should vote **Ought to Pass** on LD 1179

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