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Good afternoon Senator Beebe-Center and representative Salisbury and distinguished members of the criminal justice and public safety committee. My name is Matthew Gilley and I am a lifelong resident of Harpswell. I am writing to you today in opposition of ld 168. I feel like a broken record on this subject. 7 years ago 13 of the 16 counties and the majority of the maine population voted this down and each year concurrently I have come and testified against a bill along these lines. For 7 years the maine people have spoken that we don't want to make criminals out law abiding gun owners. This would make me a criminal if I let my brother in law borrow my gun to hunt with. If I let a friend try a new gun at the range I would become a criminal. The current background check system we have now is broken. Crimes are not being reported in a timely basis and people that should not be passing checks are. So before we make more laws let's fix the laws we have. I hope yet again you follow the will of the maine people and vote ought not to pass. Thank you