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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: LD 582, An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons

Committee Chair Senator Beebee-Center, Committee Chair Representative Salisbury and my fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

I am offering testimony in support of LD 582, An Act to Enhance Certain Penalties for Possession of Firearms by Prohibited Persons.

The common denominator in violent crime is the propensity and willingness to commit violent action by the perpetrator, not the means in which the violence was executed. And while I whole-heartedly believe in the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, there are those individuals who have voluntarily given up their rights by infringing on the rights of others by committing violent action against innocent people and have demonstrated that they cannot operate safely under the order of civil society.

While the reaction to such occurrences by some is to limit the constitutional rights of our citizens, violating the Second Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Maine, a more appropriate course of action would be to strictly enforce existing laws that keep firearms out of the hands of individuals who have shown to be a threat to the law abiding Americans who are entitled to the continued protection of their individual liberties and inherent and inalienable constitutional rights.

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While I am generally against increasing the number of felony crimes in our judicial system, I support the changes made by LD 582.

I encourage the committee to consider this legislation and support it with a vote of 'Ought To Pass'. I thank you for your polite consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,



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