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LD 1821

Subject: Oppose LD 1821 - It Undermines Second Amendment Rights

Hello,

I urge you to oppose LD 1821, "An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers in Maine." This bill imposes excessive regulations on firearms dealers, burdening small businesses and infringing on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Mainers. The Second Amendment is not a second-class right—it deserves the same respect as the First.

Imagine a law requiring bookstores to report every sale or face penalties for "suspicious" books. Such a First Amendment violation would be unthinkable, yet LD 1821 does just that to firearms dealers, despite existing federal and state laws like NICS background checks and ATF oversight. These added burdens threaten Maine's hunting traditions and conservation efforts while doing little for public safety.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the Second Amendment as a fundamental individual right (Heller, McDonald, Bruen). LD 1821's overreach fails to meet constitutional scrutiny and treats lawful gun owners as suspects. Please reject this bill to protect Maine's constitutional freedoms.

Sincerely,
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