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LD 1821

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

Thank you for your service to our State. Please vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1821 - An Act to Ensure Responsible Business Practices by Licensed Firearms Dealers. This bill purports to ensure increased firearm safety but merely adds additional regulatory burden and expense to small business owners across the state of Maine. This bill does nothing to reduce crime or increase public safety beyond measures already common to firearms sales. In the body of the bill there are numerous requirements described to be placed on local businesses by July 2026 that, if not defined by the State by that time, will effectively prevent the business from operating. Even if those requirements were specified today, businesses have only 14 months to become complaint, which is a significant burden. This bill seems very calculated to drive small sporting goods and firearms dealers out of business. Please reject this ill-conceived bill.

Respectfully,  
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