

I, _____, representing _____, hereby endorse the 2016 Maine Background Check Initiative.

Maine has a proud tradition of responsible gun ownership. But because of a loophole in our laws, people can easily and anonymously buy guns from unlicensed sellers—often from strangers met online, at gun shows, or through classified ads—with no background check required, no questions asked.

The proposed citizen initiative is a simple, common-sense policy that closes this loophole, requiring that everyone in Maine who buys a gun gets the same instant criminal background check, no matter where they buy it or who they buy it from.

No one law can prevent all tragedies. But background checks are the single most effective way to keep guns out of the hands of felons, domestic abusers, and other dangerous people. In states that already require background checks on all gun sales, there are

- 48 percent fewer law enforcement officers killed with handguns;
- 46 percent fewer women shot to death by intimate partners; and
- 48 percent fewer gun suicides.

That's why _____ supports the Maine Background Check Initiative. In doing so, we agree to add our name to the list of endorsing organizations, which may be used to promote the initiative online and/or in campaign materials.

Signed,

Organizational contact information