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**Testimony of Rep. Lois Galgay Reckitt
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
In Opposition to LD 1761,
An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property**

Senator Langley, Representative Kornfield, distinguished members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, I am Representative Lois Galgay Reckitt and I represent District 31 in South Portland. I come before you in opposition to **LD 1761, An Act Regarding the Prohibition on the Possession of a Firearm on School Property**.

I come before you today because of the messages I have received from constituents in my district urging me to oppose the bill before you now. I have also heard safety concerns from the superintendent of South Portland's schools, and he is here with us today to share his reservations that come from over thirty years working in school administration.

Maine law currently does not allow guns on school property-with a few very specific exceptions. I do not believe we should loosen our gun laws regarding schools at a time when shootings on school grounds has steadily increased.

I urge you to oppose LD 1761 and I thank you for your time.