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LD 405

I am writing in support of L.D. 405, “An Act to Prevent False Reporting Leading to Evacuation, Shutdown or Lockdown.”

I am pediatrician living in Kittery, Maine and am a member of the Maine Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors. I was working at Portsmouth Regional Hospital during one of the December 2022 school shooting false alarms. Our team was enacting plans to be ready for multiple casualties. This was very upsetting for us because my daughter and several of our children were at nearby schools during this time. In addition to the emotional harm for all of the people at those schools, that was also a high-risk potential safety event for those people and responding personnel. Luckily no one was harmed but it certainly gave us the experience of what it would be like to be in an active shooter situation.

L.D. 405 will help deter false alarms and is an additional step to keep our children and all citizens safe.

L.D. 405 is non-partisan legislation, supported by both Democratic and Republican Maine legislators, as is consistent with the bipartisan support of similar legislation enacted in both “blue” and “red” states.

Thank you for keeping our communities safe,  
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