

Testimony for the 131st Session of the Maine Legislature
Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

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LD. 1557: An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns on School Property.

Chairperson Senator Joseph Rafferty and Representative Michael Brennan and Members of the Committee, my name is Suzanne Rudalevige and I live in Cape Elizabeth.

I strongly oppose this bill.

I take issue with the title of this proposal since I do not believe that guns provide any safety, but in fact create further risk through accident and misadventure. I can think of little worse than this kind of proliferation of guns on school property. I assume permitted carriers would include parents and visitors: it is not like we have stringent guns laws about possessing such permission. A better solution is to restrict access to guns in general rather than expand it.

Please do not recommend this bill or passage.

Thank you.