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LD 1557

To Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Matt Drewette-Card. I am a resident of Topsham, Maine, a proud parent of two MSAD #75 students, and have been a practicing educator for more than 20 years (including 5 years on the MSAD #75 School Board of Directors). I am submitting this testimony in opposition to LD 52, 518, and 1557 on behalf of myself only, and my testimony does not represent any school, district, or other organization to which I may be affiliated or connected.

I will keep this testimony short and simple: keep guns and weapons out of schools. Guns and weapons do not belong in schools, nor do they increase the safety and security of the students, educators, staff, or community members within the school building.

Please vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 52, 518, and 1557.

Respectfully and with thanks for your service to Maine,
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