Jeanie Barnard Yarmouth LD 551

Distinguished Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Jeanie Barnard and I live in Yarmouth. I strongly object to LD 551. As a wife of a former EMT and professional firefighter I listen carefully to the concerns of law enforcement personnel. Most law enforcement officers think that their job to protect us will be harder with armed citizens in or near places like schools. The federal and state laws we have now restricting guns within one thousand feet of schools have reduced student homicide rates. We want to keep our kids and school personnel safe not make their safety less likely. Thank you.