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LD 551

My name is Rebecca Roth and I write in OPPOSITION to LD 551 An Act to Strengthen Maine Citizens' Second Amendment Rights by Allowing the Discharge of Firearms on Private Property That Is Within 500 Feet of School Property in Certain Circumstances.

I would like to highlight two key reasons I oppose the bill. 1) Federal and state laws ensuring that schools are gun-free zones have helped make K–12 schools even safer, significantly reducing gun violence in these places. School-associated student homicide rates decreased after the federal laws restricting guns within 1,000 feet of schools were adopted in the early 1990s. 2) Gun violence prevention measures for our schools should focus on educating kids and parents about the dangers of firearms and importance of secure storage.