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Testimony of Kristin Ricci, before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

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.

Distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, my name is Kristin Ricci and I am a resident of Scarborough.

- Research shows that when more people are carrying firearms in public, violent crime rates rise. We all want to keep our families safe, so firearms should not be allowed within 500 feet of school property where children are playing and learning.
- An overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers agree that armed citizens in or near places like schools would make their jobs harder.