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LD 424

I'm contacting you in support of LD 424 - An Act Concerning the Concealed Carrying of a Handgun by an Individual Who Is 18 Years of Age but Under 21 Years of Age.

Federal law allows 18 -20 year olds to posses handguns. Regulating the possession and carrying of handguns that restricts individuals aged 18 years old to 20 years old from carrying handguns on the basis of age alone violates the Second and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. The Supreme Court's landmark decision in 2022's New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen, acknowledged a constitutional right to carry a gun in public. Maine is a Constitutional carry state and 18-20 year olds should have this right without requiring a concealed carry permit. Does somebody have to invest the time and money to sue over this when the legislature should just fix what they clearly got wrong?

I urge the committee to vote "Ought To Pass" on LD 424.