

LD 486

I oppose this bill because of an experience I had several years ago during which a young adult male entered my car unannounced and without my consent. I was sitting alone in my car having a snack after having completed a hike in a popular conservation area in the Bangor area. Parking was located at the end of a cul de sac with access to the hiking trails. I didn't think much of it when a car pulled up behind mine. It's a small neighborhood with a lot of car traffic because of the popularity of the trails. The shocker for me was when he quickly opened my front passenger door and proceeded to climb in! I was totally taken by surprise, and in that moment realized my vulnerability as a woman sitting by herself. But here's the thing; he just as quickly stated that he had mistaken my car for that of a friend of his whom he had planned to meet. He apologized quickly and backed out of my car.

When I read this bill my experience came right to mind. Another person under the protection of LD 486 likely would've shot him. This bill is a terrible idea and I strongly oppose it.