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LD 829

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to vote against LD829 which would eliminate the need for a person to have a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun in Maine's state and national parks. Permits are an essential requirement to ensure that gun owners be of good moral character and have a knowledge of gun safety to carry a concealed weapon in Maine parks. As a visitor to these parks with my grandchildren and as a supporter of the law enforcement personnel in these parks, I want to ensure the safety of all visitors and park staff.

Thank you.