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LD 424

Dear Committee Members, my name is Richard Shapiro.

I live in Brunswick, and I am testifying 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”

Please vote that this proposal "Ought to Pass".

Frankly, this is only common sense. The current state of the law impinges on the constitutional rights of our 18-21 year old citizens – citizens who can otherwise vote, enter the military, become a police officer etc. from carrying firearms without jumping through unnecessary legal hoops.

In a legislative atmosphere where teenagers are considered adult enough to consent to life altering gender affirming surgery, turning around and claiming that 18-21 year old law abiding Maine citizens have a lessened right to self defense is utterly hypocritical.

I would also note that this discrimination when it comes to the constitutional rights of our younger adults is likely to be ruled unconstitutional at the federal level fairly soon.

Thank you.