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LD 1049

Dear Committee Members, my name is Richard Shapiro.

I live in Brunswick, and I am testifying in support of "LD 1049 An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit"

Please vote "Ought to Pass" this proposal.

Every law enforcement officer that I've spoken to has called the current provision meaningless or useless. Officers approach such situations assuming everybody is armed, and of course criminals are unlikely to divulge anyway. All it really does is set a tripwire for those who constitutionally carry.

The current law is simply a leftover from when Constitutional Carry was being passe, and those opposed to the concept assured us that there would be grave consequences. Now, with more than half the country having Constitutional Carry, and with the expected lack of adverse effects here in Maine more than apparent, this obsolete provision makes even less sense than it did at the time Constitutional Carry was passed.