

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Grace Leavitt. I live in Raymond. I am a recently retired educator after over 43 years in the classroom. I am writing to urge you to vote '**ought NOT to pass**' on the following LDs:

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", and

LD 829, "An Act to Standardize the Laws Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in State Parks," and

LD 953, "An Act to Change the Definition of 'Machine Gun' in the Maine Criminal Code," and

LD 998, "An Act Regarding an Employer's Authority to Prohibit an Employee from Storing a Firearm in the Employee's Vehicle," and

LD 1049, "An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit."

Each of these proposals would move our state in the WRONG direction, causing me, my family, my friends—all of us across our beautiful state—to be less safe and have a decreased sense of security. We need to not only defeat these proposals; we need to pass common sense gun safety legislation!

I urge you to defeat these proposals. Let's work to make our state the safest it can be and reduce the possibility of senseless acts of violence.

Thank you.

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