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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” for this proposal.

To the Honorable Members of the 132nd Maine State Legislature:

It is my understanding, having been through a Citizen’s Police Academy local to me, that law enforcement already approaches situations under the assumption that anyone could be armed. When a lawfully armed citizen discloses that they are armed, it has the potential to add tension to the situation, which is not beneficial to the officer nor the citizen, especially when that citizen is responsible and law-abiding. A criminal is not likely to inform law enforcement of a concealed handgun even if required by law to do so.