Emilia Toth Portland LD 1049

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney

Representative Kuhn

Members of the Judiciary Committee

DATE: March 26, 2025

RE:LD 1049: An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit

Good morning, Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,

My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland. I have been closely following the progress of the Maine's Gun Safety Legislation, and I am testifying in opposition of LD 1049.

LD 1049 would repeal the current law that requires an individual carrying a concealed handgun without a valid permit who comes into contact with a law enforcement officer during the course of any arrest, detainment or routine traffic stop to immediately inform that law enforcement officer of the fact that the individual is carrying a concealed handgun. Elimination of this

requirement increases the danger for law enforcement and the greater community.

If someone has a handgun, they should absolutely make this known to any law enforcement that is interacting with them for any reason.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1049.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Emilia Toth Portland, ME March 26, 2025