



*Maine Gun Safety Coalition Testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 1049: An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit (Rep Poirier)*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the committee, my name is Nacole Palmer. I live in Bowdoin, and I serve as the executive director of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition.

I urge you to oppose LD 1049. This bill is meant to help remove any restrictions whatsoever on concealed handguns regardless of location, regardless of the age of the carrier, and most importantly of all, regardless of the literal danger to our law enforcement and to our communities that unfettered access to firearms has already caused in Maine.

LD 1049, opposed by Maine State Police among others, would directly endanger our law enforcement officers. Law enforcement officers already have a dangerous job, and this bill would put them in even more danger by removing the requirement for any individual to inform the officers that they are carrying a lethal weapon, even those who have not met the relatively low bar required to obtain a permit. Here in Maine, we care about our law enforcement officers. This bill would needlessly endanger the very people we rely on to keep us all safe, and in turn would further endanger us all.

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