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LD 1120

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Committee,  
I am writing in support of LD 1120, An Act to Promote the Safe Storage of Firearms. Maine has no laws that require owners to securely store their guns and more than half of gun owners report storing firearms without using basic security measures. These unsafe storage standards have dangerous consequences including the use of firearms by minors in suicides, unintentional shootings, and school shootings.

Maine should pass safe storage laws that ensure that firearms are not easily accessible by youth, by criminals, or by any others who should not legally possess them.

This will help prevent suicides by keeping guns out of the hands of youth and reducing access for lawful adult owners in crisis. This law will also help prevent gun theft. In addition, it will take firearms out of the hands of those who might handle them irresponsibly.

Maine needs comprehensive home safe storage laws that will promote gun owner responsibility that will keep our communities safe.

Please support LD 1120.