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Dear Honorable Members of the Committee,

My name is Jeremy Burlingham, a resident of Waldo, I'm here to testify in strong Opposition of LD 1120

The current law is more than adequate for storage of firearms inside one home.

To make it a crime if my firearm is accessible to a prohibited person means if a CRIMINAL breaks into my house and gets my firearms I am now a criminal, My locked residence should be more than adequate to keep my guns out of the hands of people that shouldn't have them.

Once again we have been weak on prosecution and offer little consequence to the criminals that commit crimes, and think by forcing good people to add additional barriers to accessing their own firearms we can make things safer, we do neither. Making guns harder for my family to access doesn't make things safer for me, nor harder for a determined criminal to get. Stop forcing the people to modify their rights and actually hold criminals accountable. I have read proposed legislation to remove life sentences and weaken drug crimes on cocaine, as well as criminalize me for having guns in my locked house should someone break in. It makes me wonder what on earth some representatives are thinking. We will make the penalties for drugs and serious crime less severe and at the same time make it harder for people to protect themselves, almost seems like the goal is to change the Maine signs to "Open for crime"

Let's do the right thing, oppose LD1120, tell your constituents we trust your judgement, and are not going to make you a criminal after you've become a victim of theft. Public safety is better served by holding criminals accountable for their actions not penalizing the law abiding gun owners.

Sincerely,

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