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Testimony in Support of LD 1120 “An Act to Promote the Secure Storage of Firearms”

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Members of the Committee,

I am in strong support of LD 1120 because it will save lives and it does not infringe upon the Second Amendment or negatively impact Maine’s long standing hunting traditions.

In our family, our children, and grandchildren learn to use and store firearms safely, and should they choose to hunt, also take part in gun safety courses, consistent with Maine law. Not all families in Maine share this approach to gun safety education.

LD1120 will make sure that guns are not easily stolen or unintentionally used by those who might use them without understanding the impact, such as young children. And most importantly, by those who may be seeking to end their own lives. This data is staggering: “Between 70 to 90% of firearms used by minors in suicides, unintentional shootings, and school shootings are found in the child’s home or the home of a relative, and often are left easily accessible.” (Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence). For the safety of our youth, please support LD1120.

Let us join other rural states like Colorado, Oregon and Vermont and require safe gun storage. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of LD 1120 in your efforts to ensure the safety of all people in Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

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