Joshua Jacques Sidney LD 1743

Subject: Oppose LD 1743 - It Violates Second Amendment Rights

Dear Legislator,

I urge you to oppose LD 1743, "An Act to Allow Municipalities to Prohibit Firearms Within Their Municipal Buildings and Voting Places and at Their Municipal Public Proceedings." This bill enables local restrictions on firearms, undermining Second Amendment rights. The Second Amendment is not a second-class right, equal to the First.

Allowing municipalities to ban firearms in public spaces is like permitting bans on free speech or assembly in town halls—unacceptable for First Amendment protections. LD 1743 conflicts with constitutional guarantees (Heller, Bruen) and Maine's Constitution (Article I, Section 16), threatening law-abiding citizens' self-defense rights.

Please reject LD 1743 to protect Second Amendment freedoms.

Sincerely, Joshua Jacques