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LD 1743

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Legislature,
This testimony is in support of LD 1743.

My name is Sally Chappell, a resident of Bridgton, ME. The first incidence of a mass shooting event for me happened in April of 1999 as I was visiting Europe with a group of high school students. Columbine, Colorado has become associated with that shooting incidence, but it wasn't the last. As horrific as that shooting event was, it wasn't the last one. Now we have Lewiston, Maine to contemplate along with ways to prevent shooting spreees.

LD 1743 is a step in the right direction as it would not force but allow municipal governments to bar guns within its buildings. Town government officials need to feel safe in order to make sure enough citizens are willing to act in leadership capacities that involve sometimes intense dialogue and debate.

I am pleased that when I go to my health provider, I see a sign saying that weapons are not allowed in the building.

Thank you for your attention. Please vote in favor of LD 1743.