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LD 1378

Testimony against LD 1378

Good Evening, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Committee Members,

My name is Paula Sutton and I was born and raised here in Maine.

At the tender age of 16, I was robbed at gunpoint while working mopping floors on a Monday night at my parent's convenience store in Manchester. Not too far from this very building.

Some people might think that would give me an anti-Gun position but it doesn't. The way I see things, gun laws don't work. Adding more gun laws is certainly not the answer.

I knew enough not to blame the gun itself, but rather I blamed the guy holding the gun

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The guy that robbed me was a felon so he wasn't supposed to have a gun, same for the other guy driving the getaway car.

The guy that robbed me was high on drugs, which were all, rightfully, illegal at that time.

By the grace of God, I was not physically harmed; both perpetrators were apprehended and sent back to prison where they belonged. A fast acting professional police along with a District Attorney who understood their proper role made it happen.

Driving here today I was reflecting on the many changes I have seen in our State over my lifetime. The democrats have held the balance of power in Maine nearly continuously since I graduated from high school. It seems fair to surmise the current condition of our once formerly glorious state, is the result of failed Democrat policies over time.

I felt it was important to show up in person and testify against this ill advised legislation. The fact that legislative democrats had to be "forced" into holding this hearing propelled me to support my fellow republicans.

In closing, I remind you that Section 16 our Maine state constitution, to which you all swore an oath, clearly states, "Shall never be questioned."

Thank you, I am happy to answer any questions.

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