

**LD52 – ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO CARY FIREARMS ON
SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Brennan and members of the Joint Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. I am Carol Selsberg, an 85-year-old mother of 3, grandmother of 5, from Eliot, Maine. I am here urging you NOT to pass LD52. One of my daughters is a 20-year former teacher. As a single Mom, she had to leave her profession during Covid to protect herself and her kids. There was a Waiting List to get into her AP classes in her rural Maine high school. She spent an unbelievable amount of time talking kids off ledges and being the Mom they needed when they couldn't come out to the parent at home. Active Shooter Drills 401 was neither included nor required for any of the advanced degrees she has...or she would never have become a teacher. She was profoundly disturbed when taught how to stop the bleeding from a gunshot in her classroom. I don't know what any of you do or did for a living, but if you are not police authorities, security professionals, or career military, I ask you to consider whether learning how to shoot someone in order to defend yourself and/or your co-workers was in your job description. You cannot ask our underpaid and undervalued teachers to save the lives of our kids while educating and nurturing them, PLEASE vote NOT TO PASS THIS BILL.

LD 518: AN ACT TO ALLOW ARMED SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

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Forbes reports there were nearly 3 times as many casualties in incidents with armed officers present and that "an armed officer on the scene was the number one factor associated with increased casualties."(Forbes, 6/2/22). "Good guys with guns don't always win gunfights," says David Hemenway, director of the Harvard Injury Control Research Center and the Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center. So "good guys" with guns lacking training or qualifications only promise additional chaos and potential loss of lives. Please vote NOT to pass.

**LD 1557: An Act to Increase and Enhance School Safety by Allowing
Individuals with Concealed Carry Permits to Possess Handguns**

Sen. Rafferty, Rep. Brennan and members of the Joint Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, I am Carol Selsberg, from Eliot, Maine, urging you NOT to pass LD 518. Your kid or grandkid is in a classroom. All the usual safety band-aids have failed. The shooter with the assault rifle got in by splintering the locked doors with their long gun. There is an armed, trained resource officer inside. Your friendly volunteer neighbor with his long gun but no training or qualifications runs int the lethal chaos to shoot and be shot by the assailant and/or the resource officer. Concealed carry permittees are not qualified to defend a school full of kids unless they are a cop or a Marine. Safety training may be suggested but is not mandatory. I believe in the integrity and wisdom of teenagers and young people. I keep and treasure a bunch of them in my family. But like old people, they need to be trained and solidly qualified to do their jobs, especially when lives are at stake. Please vote NOT to pass.