

Dear Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

Please oppose LD 551. It is a dangerous bill and we have a responsibility to our children to not let it pass.

We have a garden plot next to the Hall Dale Elementary school. We also have a pesky ground hog. We can build a fence or trap him but we can't shoot him because a stray bullet could hit a child out at recess or waiting for a bus. Similarly, ME hunting laws prohibit discharging a firearm within 300 feet of home, recreation site or any place where people are likely to be and they prohibit using a gun within 500 feet of a school.

We need to protect our children and hold their safety higher than our need to shoot a gun. Please oppose LD 551.

Susan Kistenmacher
Farmingdale, ME