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Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Honorable Members of the Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Representative Alicia Collins. I represent the towns of Sidney and Vassalboro.

I will keep my testimony brief as I know many people behind me would like the opportunity to testify and have more expertise in firearms concerns.

First, I'd like to invite all of you to join me at Liberty Firearms Academy, in New Vineyard, for a firearms safety course. This course is designed to educate the basics of firearms rules & safety. Safe gun handling. The fundamentals of stance, grip, and trigger control with a firearm. The day concludes with live fire shooting at the range, and, yes, you will have fun.

I appreciate the opportunity to ask you to please support LD 998 (An Act Regarding an Employer's Authority to Prohibit an Employee from Storing a Firearm in the Employee's Vehicle).

Maine is a Constitutional Carry state which authorizes people, not prohibited by law, to conceal carry a firearm without a conceal carry permit. This includes transportation of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle.

LD 998 is simple; it applies common sense to Maine law, by allowing law abiding gun owners to *store* legally owned firearms in their personal vehicle under Constitutional Carry.

Thank you for your time today and I would defer all questions to allow time for others to testify.

Alicia C. Collins

State Representative