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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:

**LD 1403 "An Act to Expand the Hunter Safety Course Exemption for Certain
Individuals with Firearm Training"**

THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

SPONSORED BY: Representative Cray from Palmyra

Good afternoon, Senator Baldacci, Representative Roberts and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Representative Dean Cray representing Canaan, Detroit, Hartland, St. Albans, and Palmyra. I am here today to introduce a constituent bill **LD 1403 "An Act to Expand the Hunter Safety Course Exemption for Certain Individuals with Firearm Training."**

This is a constituent bill. The intent of this bill is to allow a person with firearm safety training to be exempt from having to have a hunter safety course. My constituent's son-in-law is a border patrol agent in Texas. He came home last fall during hunting season and decided he wanted to go hunting only to find out he would have to take a hunter safety course. He feels that his firearm safety certification should have allowed him to get his license, he and Maine residents should be exempt from the hunter safety course. Thank you for hearing this bill and I will try and answer any questions you might have.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dean A. Cray".

Dean A. Cray

State Representative

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