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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Institute for Legislative Action, (SAM-ILA) is testifying in opposition of L.D. 1743 - *An Act to Allow Municipalities to Prohibit Firearms Within Their Municipal Buildings and Voting Places and at Their Municipal Public Proceedings*.

This legislation has been in front of the Legislature several times. The reasons to oppose it are simple, create gun free zones and criminals' intent on mayhem, will target them.

At the very least, any such law, if passed, should require appropriate security to protect the public. That would be a municipal mandate and unlikely to have support. If you can't provide reasonable protections for the public, than passing this law makes them less safe by taking away their right to defends themselves.

Respectfully,

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