

Testimony in support of LD 1743

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of LD 1743. I'm Mark Segar, from Freeport. I've had many opportunities to witness the dedication, competence, and commitment to non-partisan principles of town clerks and other municipal employees.

Whether as a voter, an advocate, working on a political campaign, serving on a governor's staff, or in retirement now as a volunteer assisting with election day, I have always admired and been grateful for the work done at the local level by municipalities to honor and sustain the right to vote and to have one's voice heard.

This bill respects the work they do, and provides the means to assure their safety. It gives municipalities a helpful tool which they can tailor to local needs and which can be put use with local knowledge. Whether for elections or for public hearings on other matters

In addition to providing a sense of security for staff, it does the same for citizens, who may otherwise feel intimidated by the prospect contentious threat. LD 1743 encourages and protects civic participation.

Many states make similar provisions, without infringing on Second Amendment rights. I urge you to act favorably on this bill. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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