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To the members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Maine does not have a problem with unauthorized children obtaining unauthorized access to firearms. Both federal and state laws already exist that deals with this. This proposed law is unenforceable without violating a citizens constitutional right to privacy.

This proposed law would also hurt those citizens who are low income and in poverty levels. Many if not most of those citizens live in higher crime areas where the need for protection would be higher, but not able to afford proposed storage would make them a criminal.

Personally I sleep with my firearm beside me on my night stand and my wife has a shotgun on her side of the bed. This is due to persons in the neighborhood who are drug users who have threatened not only our lives but our animals as well. This legislation would put our safety at risk.

Seeing this issue already has laws which deal with this issue at both state and federal level I would strongly encourage you to vote ought not to pass.

Thank you for your time.