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An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility
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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

I am Chris Campbell from Belfast Maine, and I am testifying in favor of LD1170, An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility.

This bill makes the unauthorized possession of a firearm in a correctional facility a Class D crime. Firearms should not be taken into correctional facilities because they could be given to criminals who might use them in crime. This bill does not apply to law enforcement officers, corrections officers, corrections supervisors performing law enforcement officers' and corrections officers' duties, and employees of courier or security services performing services approved by the chief administrative officer of the correctional facility.

A concealed handgun permit is not a defense to prosecution.

It is advisable to extend unauthorized possession of a firearm to police stations.

I urge this committee to vote for this bill.