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Testimony in Support of:

### ***LD 1170, "An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility"***

Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety. I'm Danny Costain, State Representative for House District 100 which includes the towns of Corinna, Dixmont, Etna, Newport and Plymouth. I'm here today in support of LD 1170, "An Act Regarding Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm in a Correctional Facility."

I believe this to be a very straight forward bill. We all believe in safety in the workplace. For staff, inmates, bail commissioners and providers, a correctional facility is no different than than any other work place.

We know of some instances where visitors have brought a weapon into a facility. The emotions surrounding someone's incarceration can bring increased danger when firearms are present.

In addition, threats against law enforcement, co-defendants, victims and others highlight the needs for this bill to become law.

The reason it is illegal for unauthorized personell to carry a firearm into a federal building are some of the same points I am making here today. It's just common sense.

Please join me in supporting this extremely important bill in the name of safety for all who work in our correctional facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Costain  
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