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Re: LD 829: An Act to Standardize the Laws Regarding the Carrying of Concealed Handguns in State Parks

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Joint Judiciary Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing *in opposition of* LD 829. Please vote "ought not to pass."

I oppose this bill because it eliminates the requirement that a person have a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun in Maine state parks, Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and Acadia National Park. Instead, it will allow a person who is otherwise not prohibited from possessing a firearm may carry a concealed handgun in the listed locations without having the valid permit.

The valid permit is necessary for public safety as it establishes the "good moral character" of the person carrying the concealed handgun as well as their knowledge of handgun safety. Without proof of these two pivotal requirements, park employee and the millions of visitors each year will be put more in danger.

Thank you for considering my comment. I urge you to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 829.

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