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LD 424

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. I'm Mark Segar, from Freeport, and I write to express opposition to LD 424.

LD 424 would lower (from 21 to 18) the age at which individuals may carry a concealed handgun without a permit. This change would increase risks unnecessarily.

As parents and teachers know, and neurological research confirms, young persons brains are not fully developed until sometime in their twenties. At younger ages, they are less able to manage impulses and reasonably react to strain. 18 to 20 year olds commit homicides with guns at much higher rates than older adults.

This proposed change in state law would make Maine less safe for everyone.

When you consider LD 424, I urge you to vote "ought not to pass". Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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