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Maine Mayors Coalition Testimony on LD 1049
An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, the Maine Mayors Coalition is providing testimony in opposition to LD 1049, An Act to Eliminate the Duty to Inform a Law Enforcement Officer When Carrying a Concealed Handgun Without a Permit.

The Maine Mayors Coalition is a nonpartisan group representing the mayors of eleven Maine communities – Auburn, Bangor, Biddeford, Lewiston, Portland, Rockland, Saco, Sanford, South Portland, Waterville and Westbrook – and nearly 300,000 residents. The Coalition advocates on behalf of our citizens and municipalities for policies that recognize the vital services Maine cities provide and the positive impact Maine cities have on our state. The Coalition seeks to work in partnership with state and federal elected officials to meet the needs of Maine people.

Our Coalition opposes repealing the law and penalties for failing to immediately inform a law enforcement officer when a person is carrying a concealed handgun without a permit during arrests, detainments or routine traffic stops. It is the duty of responsible gunowners to let officers know they are armed. This important information allows officers to better assess situations and take appropriate actions to ensure their own safety as well as the safety of all individuals involved.

As we are all aware, the potential for situations to escalate into dangerous incidents is ever present. It is incumbent upon our state to enact laws that protect all Maine citizens and provide, to the extent possible, a safe place to live and work. We urge you to keep this provision of law in place for the protection and safety of all Maine people and especially for our law enforcement officers.

Please give every consideration to voting ought not to pass on LD 1049.

Thank you for your time and attention to this public safety issue.