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LD 829

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney
Representative Kuhn
Members of the Judiciary Committee

DATE: March 26, 2025

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

Good morning, Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,
My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland. I have been closely following the progress of the Maine's Gun Safety Legislation, and I am testifying in opposition of LD 829.

This bill would remove the requirement that a person have a valid permit in order to carry a concealed handgun in state parks, such as Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway and Acadia National Park. Instead, it would allow any non-prohibited individual to carry a concealed handgun on these locations. This would place park employees and visitors in extreme, potentially fatal situations, and would eliminate the need for a permit to carry.

This bill would create extremely unsafe conditions and allow for less regulation of fatal firearms. Our state has already seen such extreme devastation and loss due to gun violence- Why would we create opportunities for more?

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 829.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Emilia Toth
Portland, ME
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