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Testimony Before the Maine Judiciary Committee

In Support of LD 1120 and LD 1299: Safe Storage in Homes and in Vehicles
In Support of LD 1104: Limit Liability of Persons Who Provide Firearms Hold
Agreements

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Members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is John Jeffers and I submit testimony today as a concerned citizen, a parent, educator, healthcare provider, community member, and a strong supporter of common-sense gun safety reforms that protect lives without infringing on responsible gun ownership.

I stand in strong support of the proposed legislation on safe firearm storage for the following reasons:

Safe Storage

Every year, children in Maine and across the country gain access to unsecured firearms—with tragic and preventable consequences. Requiring gun owners to store their firearms safely when not in use—locked and unloaded—should not be controversial. It is a basic public health measure, much like requiring seatbelts or childproof caps on medication. Safe storage laws reduce unintentional shootings, suicides, and thefts. They are supported by evidence, common sense, and a moral obligation to protect our families and communities. No responsible gun owner should oppose the expectation that firearms be secured when not in immediate use.

I urge you to SUPPORT Secure Storage of Firearms in the Home (LD 1120) and in vehicles (LD 1299).

I urge you to SUPPORT Limit the Liability of Persons Who Provide Firearms Hold Agreements (LD 1104)

I know that no single law will prevent every act of violence. But these proposed measures are proven, practical, and constitutional steps forward. We have a responsibility to protect our communities, our children, and our future.

I urge you to lead Maine toward a safer, more responsible future.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to public safety.

Respectfully,

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