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I urge Committee members to vote OUGHT TO PASS on LD 1120.

Safe storage of guns keeps families and communities safer. Safe storage in Maine homes means:

--Preventing unintentional gun deaths: keeps firearms out of the hands of those who might handle them irresponsibly -thinking especially children and youth.

--Preventing gun theft: secure storage means keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals. Too many recent incidents reported stolen guns in the possession of suspects. This is a indeed a public safety issue.

--Preventing suicide. Study after study shows how access to guns significantly increases the likelihood of suicide by those despondent enough in the moment to try to take their own life. If in that same moment, a gun that is securely means a gun that cannot be immediately discharged with tragic, heartbreaking consequences.