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LD 1743

To the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to testify in favor of LD 1743. I believe our municipalities should have the option to prohibit firearms. As a frequent poll worker, I want to feel safer and be safer on election days, as per my State of Maine constitutional right to pursue and obtain safety. According to the SCOTUS 2022 Bruen decision this does not infringe on Second Amendment rights. Eighteen other states already have similar legislation. I would like Maine to join them. A 2025 study by the Rockefeller Institute of Government found that active shootings were 62.5% less likely to occur in gun-free establishments. I think making active shootings less likely in this day and age and in the current political climate is a good thing. I hope you will agree.