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Dear Judiciary Committee members,

I am well aware you have heard a lot of gun safety bills this session, both pro and con. It is my hope that the advocates for gun safety and common sense legislation to support it have convinced you to vote ought to pass on the bills that make the case for a safer Maine.

Bill #1743 should join the list! I know there are "nine points" in this bill's favor but two rise to the top. The first is the safety of elected officials like you, people who have stepped up to serve in their local governments. We want all Mainers to be safe but those who volunteer their time and energy in elected or appointed positions in local government in local municipalities should be protected from an angry citizen carrying a gun.

My second concern is to keep firearms out of polling places. The right to vote is a sacred privilege and there is no place for a weapon in a polling place. My personal polling place is an elementary school, making it a doubly bad idea to allow a person to carry a firearm inside the building.

Please vote OUGHT TO PASS on Bill # 1743 and join the other 18 states who have already done so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.