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I have three points I would like to add concerning this proposal.

1) **FACT:** All “gun safety” legislation is predicated on the fallacious basis that guns are used more offensively than defensively.

There are multiple nation wide studies including the one commissioned by President Obama after the mass shooting at SandyHook that unequivocally states that defensive gun use is significant in this country. Their estimate was between 500k-700k, other studies (Gary Kleck-Mark Gertz) conclude the numbers to be 2.5-3 million.

I ask, why does no one ask the question, how often are guns used defensively(?) in their rush to restrict our right to self defense?

2) **92% OF MASS SHOOTINGS OCCUR IN GUN FREE ZONES.** These killing fields called gun free zones are attractive to perpetrators wishing to do damage in an uninterrupted manor. Why are we adding more targets?

3) historically there is absolutely **NO NEED** of this dangerous legislation.

I thank you all for your service to the State of Maine.