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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to LD 805, An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places.

Maine has a firearms preemption law to prevent the patchwork of rules that vary from community to community that could trap and ensnare an otherwise law abiding citizen. This bill goes against the clear spirit of that law.

Additionally, removing the constitutionally right to bear arms as a condition of exercising another constitutional right, to vote, is absurd.

The only condition under which this should ever be allowed is if the municipality enforcing such a ban was to provide metal detectors and armed security to protect those being disarmed and only within the area being thusly secured.

Please vote Ought Not to Pass on this bill.

Respectfully,
Paul Carey