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I am writing to oppose LD805. Under Maine statute Title 25 section 2001-A, a person is already prohibited from displaying a firearm in a threatening manor anywhere in the state. I assume this would include polling places as well. I believe the motivation behind this bill is a knee jerk emotional reaction to concealed carry laws in Maine. I am not aware of any documented case of a firearm being used to threaten or intimidate anyone in a polling place in Maine. When Maine passed Constitutional carry in 2015, the critics spoke of dire consequences but the exact opposite has occurred. Maine is rated one the safest states year after year.

This is in contrast to States with strict gun control and high crime rates.

I personally feel safer knowing that someone in a polling place may be carrying a firearm. This acts as a deterrent to those with ill intent. Ld805 would only empower a disturbed individual.