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To the Committee on State and Local Government,

I'm writing the Committee to urge you to VOTE AGAINST LD 805, An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places.

Gun free zones are targets of opportunity for criminals. They make no one safer.

This bill would allow individual municipalities to strip the 2nd Amendment rights of all law-abiding Maine voters at polling places on election day.

There are many issues wrong with this bill such as:

It would make people less safe by stripping citizens of their right to self-protection.

It would violate Maine's Constitution, which clearly states "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms, and this right shall never be questioned."

It would suppress voting.

It would violate preemption. Under Maine's preemption law, individual cities and towns cannot make their own gun laws.

It would interfere with the free passage of individuals at the voting place.

LD 805 is not about safety. It's about fear. It is a blatant attack on our right to keep and bear arms. It's unnecessary and doesn't make sense for Maine.

Again, I urge to vote against LD 805.

Respectfully,
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