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Honorable committee members,

I am submitting testimony against LD 805 as it would violate my rights as a law abiding firearms owner. This law would do nothing more than to make more target rich environments for criminals. Most voting already takes place at school zones, where firearms are already not permitted. Gun free zones do nothing to protect the public from those that wish to create harm, terrorize, or mass kill law abiding people with no legal means to stop the threat.

We cannot rely on law enforcement to always save us, as has been proven by the school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglass high school in Florida, February 14th 2018 when an on site Broward County deputy remained outside while the gunman shot and killed 17 students. This gun free zone permitted this to happen and it's not the only example! Aurora, Colorado 2012, a gunman enters a gun free zone at a theater and opens fire, killing 12.

It also violates Maine's preemption law.

Session Law

Statutes

Maine State Constitution

§2006

Title 25: INTERNAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Part 5: PUBLIC SAFETY

Chapter 252-A: FIREARMS REGULATION

§2012

§2011. State preemption

1. Preemption. The State intends to occupy and preempt the entire field of legislation concerning the regulation of firearms, components, ammunition and supplies. Except as provided in subsection 3, any existing or future order, ordinance, rule or regulation in this field of any political subdivision of the State is void.

[PL 1989, c. 359 (NEW).]

2. Regulation restricted. Except as provided in subsection 3, no political subdivision of the State, including, but not limited to, municipalities, counties, townships and village corporations, may adopt any order, ordinance, rule or regulation concerning the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, possession, bearing, transportation, licensing, permitting, registration, taxation or any other matter pertaining to firearms, components, ammunition or supplies.

The great state of Maine has few shootings compared to the rest of the country and that is due to the fact that we as Mainers carry firearms, respect firearms and teach our young to do the same.

My rights as a gun owner and all of the other law abiding gun owners, shall not be infringed upon to make a few people "feel safe". Our rights shall not be stripped based on others emotions.

"Those who would give up essential Liberty, to purchase a little temporary Safety, deserve neither Liberty nor Safety." -Benjamin Franklin.

Thank you for your time.