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I am writing in opposition to LD805 as it appears to be a solution in search of a problem. As I understand the underpinnings of this legislation, the theory is that voters might be intimidated by persons in possession of a firearm at a polling place. If in fact my understanding is correct, and I subscribe to that theory, why not offer a Statewide ban on 'open carry' at polling places.

By doing so, it would keep in place the provisions of Section 2011 of title 25 of Maine Rev. Statutes that provides a uniform system to ensure that the rights and safety of ALL Maine residents are protected.

One thing is for sure, the proposed legislation totally ignores the rights of persons who have been vetted through a rigorous process, and are licensed to carry concealed firearms in the State.

In closing, the author(s) and sponsors of LD805 either have a lack of understanding of how to effectively address their concerns or are laying the groundwork for the eventual repeal of Section 2011 of Title 25.

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