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Dear Committee Members,

I was startled to see bill LD 805 "An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places," come before you as I am not aware of any problems this bill portends to address. At its base, it is a solution in search of a problem.

I lived in Massachusetts for 60 yrs watching it become more Nanny State every year, sucking the joy out of life. When I decided to retire 4 yrs ago, I chose Maine, believing that I would be freer. This is largely true, but I see the beginnings of that going away. You don't know how nice you have it here until you've lived in a very restrictive state.

Gun laws should be under State purview only! It is already complicated figuring out which park or building restricts my right to carry. Adding local governments to the list will create an unnecessary burden and confusion, not to mention non-compliance. People are going to do what's right for their own safety. By law, the government is protected from being sued for failing to protect its citizens from attack. Without a government guarantee to ensure our safety, it becomes incumbent on us to protect ourselves. And that is something Mainers are good at! We are self-reliant! I hate seeing us devalued by elected officials who think that they know better than us. That is a false belief on their part.

Please reject this bill for the sake of freedom, for the sake of Maine.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my words.

Kindly,  
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