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To: Senator Louis J. Luchini, Senate Chair Representative Chris Caiazzo,
House Chair and members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs
Committee

From: Sue Look, Town Clerk, Town of Raymond

Re: **LD 1821 – An Act To Make Interfering with an Election Official a
Class C Crime**

Position: In Favor

I respectfully request that the Committee vote to support LD 1821 and I thank you for the opportunity to outline my points for your Committee.

Thankfully there have been few incidents of actual violence at the polls in Maine, but in the current climate throughout our country/society it seems that intimidation and violence is becoming more widespread and almost an expected response. At least weekly it is common to hear of someone reacting with violence somewhere in our country.

Our Election Workers are in a particularly vulnerable position. Elections are very often pertaining to politically charged issues or campaigns which lend themselves to deep, emotional responses. Election Workers are dedicated to helping people exercise their fundamental right to vote and are typically older adults who have worked the polls for decades. Anyone who intimidates or is violent towards Election Workers should have to face a more serious penalty.

Thank you for the opportunity to share this testimony with the Committee. Should any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at 655-4742 x121 or by email: sue.look@raymondmaine.org.