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Dear Honorable Committee Members:

As a landowner of over 100 acres of prime hunting land and avid hunter for many years, I fail to see how this bill will benefit ethical hunters or our citizenry and landowners in general.

Much, if not most of the land that hunters in Maine are using, is not theirs. It is privately owned. Unposted land is currently considered open to hunting; a privilege that is becoming more and more tenuous as time passes. This uncommon privilege should not be taken lightly.

Maine citizens are a trusting bunch. They trust that hunters entering their property, carrying a lethal weapon, are going to be responsible in all areas of Maine's hunting laws.

Thus, to lessen the penalties for breaking those laws and regulations benefits one party and one party only; the offenders.

Also, please know: Our game wardens have the ability to assess any tenuous hunting situation. The decision to write up a hunter or not, is theirs alone to make. I feel the vast majority of them are capable of doing a good job.

Therefore, I encourage you to vote in opposition to this bill's passage.

Thank you.