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LD 1696

Greetings,

LD 1696 is a dangerous piece of legislation that infringes on the rights of law abiding citizens. The fact that there were 42 drunk driving fatalities in the state of Maine in 2023, and 177 traffic fatalities, clearly highlights the fact that this bill should not be a priority for the legislative body. Maine has a high firearm ownership rate with constitutional carry laws and since the passing of constitutional carry, Maine is still one of the safest states in the entire country. This is a free country, similar to how the victims of mass shootings cannot sue owners of establishments that prohibit firearms and put their customers at risk, and victims of drunk driving injuries cannot sue automobile manufacturers. Individuals who commit crimes need to be held responsible.