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LD 2237

I'm writing in opposition to LD 2237, An Act to Strengthen Public Safety, Health and Well-being by Expanding Services and Coordinating Violence Prevention Resources.

I find this bill to be more about gun control than public safety, health and well-being.

This bill provides funding to expand Maine's mental healthcare system. While many provisions of this bill are necessary to address systematic and funding pitfalls within Maine's mental healthcare system, it includes dangerous anti-gun sections. This includes creating an "Office of Violence Prevention," a weaponized government agency tasked to strip us of our Second Amendment rights. Instead of arming the government for a long-term fight against constitutional rights, lawmakers should focus on delivering necessary funding and resources to the professionals on the frontlines fighting to fix Maine's broken mental health system.

I urge this committee to vote "Ought Not To Pass" on LD 2237.