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Dear Committee Members,

I grew up watching Civil Rights protestors in the 1960s on the 6:00 news. I never could have imagined that I would be fighting for my own civil rights in Augusta many years later.

Both the governor's commission and the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine have concluded that law enforcement let Maine citizens down regarding the Lewiston shooting by not executing the laws we already had put in place to handle such situations.

So why are we submitting more laws if the existing laws were sufficient to stop the shooting, but they were not executed properly??? This would just be another law that doesn't get executed. But it also is a law that eliminates Mainer's Constitutional Civil Right to Due Process even if it does get executed.

In the name of the courageous civil rights warriors of the 1960s, don't vote for a bill that eliminates Mainer's Constitutional Rights to Due Process just because another law was not executed the way it should have been.