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LD 2283

I oppose LD 2283 on the basis that it is unconstitutional under Maine State Constitution and the United States Constitution. Maine State Constitution states: article 1 section 16 every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned. There are no caveats or exceptions included in the article as it is written. LD 2283 is based completely on subjectivity. I can gather 20 people together in one room and ask them what color a wall is and I will get 20 different answers. No citizen has the right to take away another citizen's rights arbitrarily.

The laws already on the books are not being enforced. Lewiston happened because existing laws were ignored. We do not need more subjective type laws to punish law abiding citizens. LD 2283 has nothing to do with "protection" and everything to do with punishing law-abiding citizens, destroying an industry, preventing honest business owners from making a living, and attempting to deprive citizens of protected rights.

I urge the legislature to do the right thing in this instance and oppose LD 2283.
Thank you.