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Honorable Committee members,

My name is Alicia Collins. I am a citizen and selectman in the town of Sidney.

I am here to speak out against LD2283 - a Red Flag Bill.

The Maine State Constitution, section 16, guarantees individuals a natural right to keep and bear arms with clear language - "this right shall never be questioned."

The Maine State Constitution, section 6-A, guarantees individuals a right to due process. How Constitutional can this bill be when an individual's natural right is not upheld?

The testimonials I've heard today suggest a plethora of reasons to remove weapons from an individual. I've even heard testimony from Speaker Talbot to change the definition of weapon. Who decides the answers to these questions?

Today, I would argue it's for mental health reasons. Tomorrow, it may be because a teenager is acting up in class. Two years from today it may be because my neighbor doesn't like the political sign in my front yard.

How long will it be before someone randomly decides no one has a right to keep a weapon?

I'm asking you to vote no on this bill because the law term consequences are yet to be determined.

Thank you,

Alicia Collins