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LD 2283

I oppose LD 2283 “An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public”, and it “ought not to pass”.

I do not feel that Maine's current law needs to be amended, but rather enforced, when it comes to our current community protection and weapons restriction orders, known to some as "Yellow Flag Laws". If the necessary funding is not in place to allow for the enforcement of current law, this is something that needs to be addressed at a budgetary level, rather than unconstitutionally restricting the rights of Maine citizens.

This bill is intended to strip Maine people of their firearms with ZERO due process through Gun Confiscation Orders. The proposal violates the Declaration of Rights of the Maine State Constitution, which states, "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law..." (Article I, Section 6-A), and "Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned" (Article I, Section 16).

Gun Confiscation Orders would have a chilling effect on free speech by frightening gun owners into not speaking out about their beliefs for fear of having their guns seized by the state. A few years ago, a Gun Confiscation Order in the state of Maryland has already resulted in the death of an innocent gun owner, 61-year-old Gary Willis.

On behalf of Second Amendment supporters in Maine, I urge you to vote "NO!" on any gun control scheme that reaches the floor of the Maine Legislature, including so-called "Red Flag" Gun Confiscation Legislation.

To sum up, the Lewiston shooting was totally preventable if the current “Yellow Flag” law, which I see as model legislation for the entire country as it provides for “due process” (unlike any unconstitutional “Red Flag” law), was enforced. It was not. A huge stack of laws will not prevent crime if they aren’t enforced. We just don’t need another layer of laws!

Again, I oppose LD 2283 “An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public”, and it “ought not to pass”.