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LD 303

I urge the Maine Legislature to repeal LD 303, a law that has proven to be both unnecessary and a potential infringement on protected activities. This legislation, enacted in response to concerns about extremist groups, has demonstrated its ineffectiveness, as evidenced by the fact that not a single individual has been cited under its provisions.

The law was touted as a preemptive measure against the hypothetical establishment of a paramilitary training compound. However, the activities it purports to regulate are largely protected under the First and Second Amendments of the United States Constitution. Law-abiding citizens engaging in firearms training, survival skills, or other similar activities should not be subjected to the chilling effect of this vague and overbroad statute.

Furthermore, the lack of enforcement underscores the frivolous nature of LD 303. It represents a knee-jerk reaction to perceived threats, rather than a measured and necessary legislative action. The law creates an unnecessary burden on law enforcement and potentially criminalizes activities that are fundamental rights of citizens.

Maintaining this law serves no practical purpose and may have unintended consequences for responsible citizens. It is a waste of legislative resources and a potential threat to civil liberties. I therefore call for the immediate repeal of LD 303.