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LD 303

Dear Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

I ask you to vote against LD 303, An Act to Repeal the Law Prohibiting Unauthorized Paramilitary Training.

My mother fled from Hitler to come to the United States in 1938 at the age of 14 because of her ethnicity. My father fought WW2 against the Nazis as a Lieutenant in the US Navy. I have heard first hand about the dangers of a violent paramilitary within a society.

My parents contributed to the State of Maine, as my father as a teacher and my mother as a Family Doctor. I have lived in Maine all my life, contributed to our community as a medical practitioner, and have been proud of our practical, sturdy and caring outlook on life.

A few years ago, groups with swastika tattoos and violent rhetoric began gathering in Maine, training with firearms, threatening violence, and encouraging others to move here to join them. This is why LD 2130 exists. People still have freedom to own weapons if we want. Citizens however need protection from the formation of armed violent bands.

Unregulated Paramilitary training has no place in the State of Maine. The Maine National Guard is our regulated Militia. Anyone who is qualified can join them. If people are unqualified to join the Maine National Guard, then why would we want to encourage them to form their own Militias, unless we have crossed over now, away from the rule of law, and into the rule of barbarism.

Please keep the current law, do not vote to overturn it through LD 303. Regulation of Paramilitary training is necessary in a civil society to uphold the safety and peace within the State of Maine.

Thank you,
Renata Moise