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LD 303

I am writing in strong opposition to repealing the law prohibiting unauthorized paramilitary training in Maine. Paramilitary organizations only serve their members which are primarily violent white supremacists who seek to create change via the use of intimidation, threats to community members, harassment and violence while spreading Neo-Nazi rhetoric which threatens to dismantle the current legal system and destroy the current legal voting practices. There is no room in our state or nation for paramilitary organizations to exist. Each person in the nation must abide by existing laws and social structures that are created to provide safety and freedom for all. Paramilitary organizations are designed to disrupt current laws and cultural practices and are a threat to all who visit and live in Maine and the US. As a veteran, a family consisting of many veterans and someone who has lost family members fighting for our rights, it is appalling to see these groups emerging as their only goal is to spread hate and harm to others. I urge all to vote against LD303.