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LD 486

Dear Legislators, I would love you to consider what is in the best interest of the people of Maine. In order to be protect our people you need to vote 'no' on LD 486. Standing one's ground only results in more harm and escalation of conflict. Please vote to keep people of Maine safe by ensuring that individuals protect themselves and the public by doing their best to safely retreat in the case of self-defense. This obviously does not exclude the use of force when retreat is not an option, but it reinforces that safe retreat should be the first option, which is the best option for keeping those involved in an altercation and those physically close to the altercation safe. Thank you for keeping Mainers safe by voting 'no' on LS 486.