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LD 486

I am writing to oppose LD 486, the "Stand your ground" bill. I believe it will lead to more deaths by gunfire in Maine if it is passed. This is what has happened in the 30 states that already have such laws -- 30 to 50 people are shot EACH MONTH in those states. I believe it will make people in Maine more afraid of each other, as it suggests that people coming to the door are a threat and must be stopped. This is not the state that I live in and love.

I often forget to bring my cellphone with me when I'm driving, and I sometimes get flat tires from nails when driving. I used to assume that, if that happened I'd go to the nearest house and ask the person to call AAA for me. If this bill passes, I'll be afraid to knock on a stranger's door.

Please vote against moving LD 486 forward. Thank you.