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RE: LD 1378 – An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act

Dear Members of the Maine Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1378, “An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.”

This bill represents yet another attempt to infringe upon the Constitutional rights of Maine citizens—specifically, our Second Amendment right to bear arms. That right is fundamental, and its erosion should concern every law-abiding citizen.

Maine consistently ranks as one of the safest states in the nation. The introduction of Red Flag laws—like the one proposed in this bill—would allow individuals such as former partners, neighbors, or even law enforcement to strip away a citizen’s rights based on suspicion or personal grievances. This opens the door to potential abuse and unfair treatment, especially without due process.

If we’re truly looking to make Maine safer, the focus should be on expanding access to mental health care. Unfortunately, many lawmakers have repeatedly blocked efforts to prioritize mental health support. We should be asking why those opportunities for meaningful improvement continue to be rejected.

I urge you to reject this misguided legislation. LD 1378 does not protect Mainers—it undermines our freedoms. I, along with countless other citizens, including hunters, sportsmen, and families across the state, will remember how our representatives voted when we head to the polls in 2026.

Please stand with the people of Maine. Vote no on LD 1378.