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My name is Erik Nielson, I am a current resident of Waterville and 45 year life long resident of the State of Maine. My family has had a long tradition of outdoor recreation in this state and several others, including hunting, fishing, camping and hiking.

I am writing today to voice my emphatic opposition to LD 1378 "An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act". This bill, like many of the unconstitutional infringements pushed by out-of-state interests, will do absolutely nothing to "protect" Maine citizens. It will, in fact, lead to abuse of the judicial system as disgruntled neighbors, employees or even random members of the public could press the courts to violate the rights of victims of such abuse without due process under the law, or the opportunity to even respond to allegations.

I urge you to uphold the Constitutional protections of this State and of the Constitution of the United States. Law abiding Mainers don't deserve to be treated as criminals before having their day in court and the opportunity to defend themselves before being arbitrarily stripped of their rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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