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I am against the proposed red flag law in Maine because it creates more problems than it solves. This law would allow the government to take someone's firearms without charging them with a crime or giving them a fair chance to defend themselves first.

Laws like this are based on fear, not facts. They assume someone might do something wrong in the future, and punish them in advance. That's not how justice works in this country. We should respond to actual behavior, not predictions or assumptions.

Mental health concerns should be handled through proper medical care, not by seizing property. If someone truly needs help, they should be treated by professionals—not dragged through court and stripped of their rights. Gun removal doesn't solve the root of the issue.

This law could also create distrust in families and communities. People might report others just to be safe or out of personal conflict, not because there's a real danger. That puts innocent people at risk of losing their rights with no warning and no proper investigation.

It's also important to remember that firearms are protected under the Constitution. We should never pass laws that take away those rights lightly. Once we start removing rights based on accusations alone, it becomes easier to do it for other rights too.

Please oppose this bill and protect the rights and fairness that Maine citizens deserve.