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LD 1378

Good afternoon members of the committee, my name is Louis Beaulieu, a citizen of Auburn, and a lifelong resident of Maine. I am testifying in opposition to L.D. 1378: An ACT to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, better known as the "Red Flag Law." I am freely exercising my 1st Amendment right to petition my government for redress of grievances.

Our founding fathers were truly brilliant men who drafted the bill of rights so ALL of us in society, including yourselves, can live as free men and women.

Proponents of LD 1378 clearly seek erasure of our God given right to defend ourselves. They seek to dismantle our constitution by not only violating the 2nd Amendment, (shall not be infringed), the 4th Amendment, (The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, paper, and effects against unreasonable search and seizures shall not be violated), and the 5th Amendment, (to not be deprived of life, liberty, or property without the due process of law).

Please vote against this proposal. Maine already has a "yellow flag" law that successfully been used 580 times, just between October 2023 and January 2025 in a state of 1.405 million. This is in stark contrast to the Massachusetts Red Flag law that they, with a much larger population of 7.136 million, 5.07 times that of our state, have only been used 57 times. Clear proof that the yellow flag law currently in place is working.

As a lifelong resident of this singularly beautiful state, I will not idly stand by while our way of life is attacked by out of state interests like Bloomberg, Giffords.org, Every Town for Gun Safety, or any other out of state organizations hell bent on depriving us of our rights guaranteed within the Constitution. Even those who are diametrically opposed to the right to keep and bear arms must abide by the Constitution.

I urge you to vote against LD 1378, it would only serve to encourage malicious targeting, bearing false witness by vindictive neighbors and jilted partners.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the concerns stated above. Thank you for your time and attention today, and everyday, and of course your service to our state.

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