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LD 1378

To the members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Dan Masessa from Montville, Maine and I OPPOSE LD 1378, An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, aka The Red Flag Bill.

Maine already has a Yellow Flag law that, when used, works as it should.

The Red Flag Bill is dangerous. It strips American citizens of the right to due process. It puts law enforcement officers and those accused in danger while conducting unwarranted, unannounced search and seizure raids.

Governor Mills herself said she believes the state's existing Yellow Flag law is adequate and the Red Flag proposal is unnecessary. She further stated that she is concerned about potential misuse of the Red Flag law and its impact on the rights of responsible gun owners. The governor also advocated for strengthening the state's mental health system, suggesting it would be better than a Red Flag law.

I urge the committee to Oppose LD 1378 and vote Ought Not To Pass.

Respectfully,

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