

Richard Smith  
Beals  
LD 2150

Judiciary Committee Members,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE LD 2150! Anybody with a regard for the rights of free speech, free movement, and the right to gather for protest should oppose LD2150.

LD 2150 is amazing, in that it's one of the most blatant infringements on the rights of free speech and movement for citizens I have ever had the displeasure of seeing. The right to freely gather on state grounds to protest/rally/criticize our government and its' actions is tantamount to the function of a free society.

The Maine legislature shouldn't be making moves to restrict free speech and the ability to protest/demonstrate on government(TAXPAYERS') property. Any legislator who doesn't consider themselves authoritarian shouldn't even be able to read the text without a wave of nausea.

Perhaps the legislature should spend a little more time trying to actually help all the people of Maine, by tackling problems like skyrocketing property taxes and crumbling infrastructure, or our terrible education system, instead of racing the US Congress to the authoritarian checkered flag.

Maybe, just maybe, if the people see you fine folks doing meaningful work, that doesn't restrict their natural-born rights, you won't need to try to restrict the rights of free speech and movement to shield yourselves from criticism and scary crowds of unhappy constituents(that's us peasants, check under your boot).

The last thing this state, or this country, needs are more restrictions on our rights. As individual Maine citizens, you should consider and remember this: The law you pass today to restrict rights being used against you, is the same law that can be used to restrict your rights when power changes hands down the road.

LD 2150 OUGHT NOT PASS, AND THE REPRESENTATIVES SPONSORING AND SUPPORTING IT SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES.

I only hope enough of you have the capacity to feel shame, or to understand the importance of the rights of Mainers, to vote this trash down.

VOTE DOWN LD 2150!