

LD 2086 - "An Act to Amend the Law Governing the Disposition of Forfeited Firearms"
LD 2119 - "An Act to Support Suicide Prevention by Allowing the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights"

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Honorary members of the committee on Judiciary,

Maine is the safest state in the union. This is often attributed to our gun policy. I say this because we **don't need to fix something that isn't broken.** We don't need more gun laws and the laws we have in place are sufficient.

Maine Constitution, Article 1, Section 16 *"Every citizen has the right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."*

LD 2086 and 2119 both question the right to keep and bear arms of Maine citizens. These bills are unconstitutional and I oppose them both.

I am concerned that the amendment concerning the definition of machine guns in LD 2086 will lead to bills down the road that jeopardize our rights even more.

In the name of preserving our rights, we need to oppose as much gun control legislation as possible. I truly hope that 20 years from now, the nation will look like what it did 20 years ago. In order for that to happen, the right to keep and bear arms must be maintained as it is the safeguard of our liberties. I do not want to watch the country I love fall away, piece by piece to small steps of tyranny and the overregulation of my rights.

Alexander Hamilton said, *"If the sword of oppression be permitted to lop off one limb without opposition, reiterated strokes will soon dismember the whole body."*

Thank you for your time, And I welcome any questions.