

Hello,

Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Alicia Collins. I am a citizen, registered voter, and a selectman in the town of Sidney.

I am speaking today in opposition to these bills; LD 2224 & LD 2238.

Not only am I here, hundreds of my fellow Mainiacs are here to say "NO" to these gun bills.

This legislation is nothing more than a knee-jerk reaction to the events of October 25<sup>th</sup>. An exploitation of the victims and a "feel good" measure to the destroyed families left behind.

What this 131<sup>st</sup> Legislature should be doing is looking for ways to fund the mental health system. Guns are not the problem. Stop coming after law abiding citizens.

Our Civil Liberties, endowed by our Creator, are self-evident Natural rights – rights affirmed by our Founding Fathers. When you took office, you took an oath to support and defend these rights.

Both the US Constitution and the Maine State Constitution are clear about our gun rights. The language "shall not infringed" and "shall not be questioned" are clear – the law has been set up to ensure people like me can defend myself against not only a killer in a bowling alley – but a tyrannical government.

Finally, our Constitution was set up as a Representative Republic, not a Democracy.

If you care about your constituents, and their ability to defend themselves, do not take away or limit their access to firearms.

Thank you for your time,

Alicia Collins, Citizen, and registered voter