

LD 2224 - An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System

LD 2238 - An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases

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Honorary members of the Committee on Judiciary,

LD 2224 is concerning to me because **it is vague and ambiguous**. When it comes to Maine rights, the **laws being made need to be unequivocally clear**. What is the definition of reckless? What constitutes being subject to the red flag law? A person would be stripped of their 5th amendment rights and due process would be thrown out the window. What would be the penalties of a false accusation for the red flag law? The yellow flag law acts as a suicide and mass-shooting prevention system that still views each citizen as a person with rights. **A red flag law is extreme and breaches the limits on government power that are intentionally in place.**

In addition to protecting our other rights, **the second amendment also provides a means for self-defense**. In the land of liberty, we have the ability to own land and build a meaningful life of our own creation. We have our own children, families, friends, pets, and our own lives that we are responsible for. **Enforcing a 72-hour waiting period would create a system that delays the quick action needed in dangerous situations**. Imagine a mother who's boyfriend turns abusive and she fears for her and her children's life. What about a situation where someone is being violently threatened and they have no other options?

Similarly to what I said earlier this week, this bill is **questioning our right to keep and bear arms** and it chips away at our security from tyranny. This legislation seems hasty and I oppose it whole-heartedly. Thank you.