

TESTIMONY OF ANDRE LEVESQUE.

In Opposition to LD1378

An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Public Hearing June 11, 2025

Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn, honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

**My name is Andy Levesque I live in Gorham.
I'm a US Army Veteran.**

After serving this country I returned to Maine where I raised my family.

I am here today to speak in opposition to LD 1378.

After reading this bill I find it an overreach by this state to restrict my rights and of our citizens rights to legally possess a firearm.

As you know firearm purchases are predicated on passing the NATIONAL INSTANT CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYSTEM.

What this bill does, makes it easier for our rights to be taken away by a state agency, local law enforcement, a family member, a relative or vindictive neighbor.

I don't trust this state to safeguard my rights to possess my firearms.

Any petition filed against me could have fictitious claims and would force me to respond up to 14 days at a hearing to rebuke those claims.

**Lawful Gun owners in Maine are not stupid people.
We take responsibility for our firearm possessions.**

As an example: A good friend and her father BOTH decided to remove all firearms from the house.

Because of the fathers dementia they felt it beneficial to have local law enforcement store it for them.

Lets protect our second amendment.

I urge you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS for LD 1378

Thank You

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