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To Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee Members:

I am writing to you today to urge you to vote in favor of LD 1138, An Act to Ensure the Right to Self-Defense Exists outside the Home by Removing the Requirement to Retreat.

No individual, when faced with a life or death situation, should have to take time to consider which direction to run. As a law-abiding citizen and firearm owner, if faced with a life or death situation, I would only have seconds to react not minutes. As such, an individual should not have to think about how they might be able to escape when facing serious injury or death especially someone who might have mobility issues like myself.

Voting in favor of this bill will give law-abiding Mainers piece-of-mind in knowing that if faced with a life or death decision, they can take immediate action to protect themselves, loved ones and others around them without concern for criminal prosecution or civil liability.

Thank you for your consideration.