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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Maulian Dana and although I serve as Tribal Ambassador for the Penobscot Nation I am submitting this testimony in my capacity as a private citizen. I am opposed to LD 1138.

As a person of color in Maine I feel it is my responsibility to speak out against LD 1138 and any piece of legislation that further increases the likelihood of gun violence and threats to the safety of black, brown, and Indigenous Mainers. "Stand your ground" laws disproportionately affect these vulnerable populations as you will hear and read in the testimony submitted today.

I urge you to vote ought not to pass. The epidemics of racism and gun violence have been ravaging our country for generations and the right to safety for people of color is a sacred right we need to protect and fight for.

Thank you for your time,  
Maulian Dana