

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

I am writing in opposition to LD 1138.

Gun violence threatens my most fundamental right, the right to life. Legislators have an obligation to maximize the protection of my right to life and to create the safest possible environment for the most people. By allowing a person to kill another in public does not create a safe public space and it does not protect my right to life.

Also, this law would cause disproportionate harm to Black and Brown communities. According to research in Stand Your Ground states, homicides in which white shooters kill Black victims are deemed justifiable 5 times more frequently than when the situation is reversed. I urge you to oppose LD 1138.

Thank you.
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