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My name is Harrison Kemp; I am a veteran of the Afghanistan war, Vice-Chair for the Libertarian Party of Maine, and helped to write similar legislation being debated this session. I encourage you to vote "ought to pass" on this important legislation which seeks to improve officer and community safety while drawing an important line that I.e.o's should never cross. The relationship between a state and its subjects is no different than that of a tick on a dog; the dog is countless the size of the tick, the dog provides nourishment for the tick, carries it from place to place, and realistically, both parasites could be destroyed quite easily if their carrier decided it. The state does not produce anything but heartache, slavery, or debt; what gives it the right to make these decisions for its residents? Does a government not require the CONSENT of the governed? And what if consent is lacking? Do you get to act in your own self-interest, like all tyrants petty and above, content on acting as though consent was given for all actions when your name cast on the ballot?

The last 14 months have shown how little oversight the legislature is willing to take on matters of civil and economic issues so long as their Queen Mills decides it so. This legislature has proven its willingness to forgo its duty and protect the residents, losing our consent more and more with each passing day. This is not governance; it is autarchy mixed with a splash of technocratic dystopianism. Governed people have a right to be heard, to overthrow their government, and draw a line that the state can not cross. That line is our private property, and you know darn well why this shouldn't even be a conversation; if any other entity trespassed onto someone's property and broke into their house in the middle of the night with intent to kidnap and cage or kill them, we would be surprised if the homeowner took no action to defend themselves; why do you expect that just because cops wear a cute little costume and have "authority" to do so that their lives are not arbitrarily being put in danger? To prove this, I point out that during the Breonna Taylor shooting, everyone talked about the fact Breonna was murdered; that is tragic, and we are all aware of that fact. Most are not aware that her boyfriend was found innocent of a crime for shooting at the police during the execution of their no-knock warrant. Even if you make no bones about violating the tacit contract between state and subject, you should realize that putting your enforcement agents in a position they can legally be fired up is counterproductive to your goals.

Maine is a unique place with two critical factors to consider before making your decision;  
1- more residents own guns and are willing to use them here than almost anywhere else in our country.

2- no-knocks are primarily used to fight the war on drugs; a war which you should have admitted defeat in with the passage of the 21st Amendment to the Constitution

We are a very well-armed state, ready to protect our families and property, and with the main impetus for conducting these warrants bupkiss I implore you to pass on this important legislation.