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In a volatile environment where the police themselves are under attack, It is ever more important that the citizens of Maine are able to protect themselves and their loved ones. I strongly feel the need for this bill to pass, for the responsible, law abiding citizen should not have to worry about whether or not they could escape when it comes to defending their lives and the lives of those around them. This bill will clarify that an armed citizen does not have to risk their life in retreat from a threat when they have the ability to defend their own life, as all free citizens should. Especially in such a rural state, where in many instances police response is tens of minutes away, sometimes longer, a citizen should not be forced to retreat from a hostile threat. Please pass this bill.