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Please support LD1138. The duty to retreat outside the home, while conceptually a comforting idea, functions in reality only to endanger those who need to protect themselves.

As it exists, the duty to retreat is already limited to those instances when the retreat can be accomplished safely - in other words, in those circumstances when it is not yet necessary to defend oneself with deadly force.

If one IS forced to defend oneself, the duty to retreat adds a calculation that will be second-guessed by a grand jury into the middle of a life or death situation, most of which occur in very short, violent and hectic time frames.

Thank you.