

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

Please support Representative Douderas bill LD759 Child Access Prevention, an act to amend the Child Endangerment Law. Law abiding adults have the right to own guns. Those same adults as parents have a sacred responsibility to protect their children. There have been several incidents of injury and death of children in Maine. In January of 2021 a 2 year old boy was shot in the head by a sibling who found a firearm. These tragedies not only affect the victim but traumatize the extended family, friends, teachers, classmates and the community at large. My personal experience involved my work as a school counselor. A youngster who I worked with found a rifle and literally blew his face off. My daughter went to school with him and I knew his family. Please support this bill to protect children from unsecured guns by holding adults accountable.

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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,  
Please do not support Representative Andrews LD 1138, the "Stand Your Ground" bill. This bill is very dangerous allowing people to use lethal force if they feel they are in danger outside their home. This will not make anyone safer. In this country we have seen laws like this to increase homicides and lead to racial disparity in who is shot and killed. This bill would create an armed vigilante culture that has no place in Maine.