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Committee Members,

I fully support LD 1138, and so should you.

When being threatened or attacked, Maine's duty to retreat puts an individual or family in further danger by requiring them to attempt to get away, instead of standing their ground and subduing the threat themselves.

The right of a victim to defend themselves should never be given less weight than the safety of the attacker. The assailant gave up their right to safety when they made the initial act of aggression.

Please pass LD 1138, and take one more step in making Maine a less friendly place for criminals.