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Members of the Committee

I am writing in support of LD 1454 and request that it be voted Ought to pass.

As we witnessed last year here in Maine and for example down south after Katrina one of the first things that was restricted was firearms.

During an emergency, right when people are left to fend for themselves possibly for extended periods, is not the time to restrict peoples means of defending what they have. The same people that responsibly held these firearms before it, are the same people that will own them during an emergency.

Over the last ten or so years there have been multiple referendums here, voted on by actual people that reside here. They have been to restrict hunting, change methods of baiting and to implement stricter background checks, etc., etc..

All of these have been voted on multiple times by the People and they been rejected, every single time!

Isn't it time we started paying more attention to the wishes of the people of Maine instead of the well funded, out of state, paid lobbyists that keep pushing for more "Keeping up with Jones's" type laws that are obviously NOT supported by the majority of people that live here? Thank you for listening.