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I support this Bill protecting the Right to bear arms and defend ourselves and our State in times of emergency. When things get crazy, we are all much better off if law enforcement and law abiding citizens are all on the same side. In my time as a police officer on one of Maine's outer islands, in one particular time of crisis(a home invasion of a disabled couple) I was able to call on the people of my island to help find the suspect and secure the evidence in a matter of hours. Any law enforcement help was hours away, and we made it work. This may not seem an emergency to some, but when it is a town of 350 people and 6 miles of ocean between you and the rest of the State, things get intensified. Without the public trust, I doubt things would have ended so well for our town. I really think these emergency situations are what Article II of the U.S. Constitution and Article I, section 16 of the Maine Constitution are written for.