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Dear Committee Members,

Since Section 16 of the Maine Constitution states that "To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned." It is clear that it has been questioned, and that clarification is needed to prevent a repeat of the events of 2020 where the exercise of a right to self defense was considered "non-essential" Gun shops, ranges, and sporting goods stores were forced closed due to being considered non-essential by the Mills administration.

Violence was rampant all over the country, and with many scares and shortages, people needed to be able to defend themselves.

I ask you to pass this common sense clarification to prevent a recurrence of the rights violations that we all saw transpire.

Thank you for your time,

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