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To: The Members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
Subj: LD 1052 "An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency"

My name is Francis Walker of Bath, ME and I have submitted this testimony in support of LD 1052 "An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency"

During a State of Emergency or during a riot where people are burning buildings, destroying property or inflicting harm where the State fails to curtail the criminals, these are the times when a Law abiding citizen counts on their right to bear arms. There are many new gun owners over the last year who became gun owners because they see that calling 911 is slower than defending themselves. This bill prevents the government from taking that ability away at the stroke of a pen by a Governor who gets overzealous on control.

It has been well over a year since Governor Mills was given her "emergency powers" and since then she, along with her unelected staff have abused their positions when it came "hand picking" business dealings and moving the "goal posts" at every turn. At first, this "hand picking" included business that deal in firearms, firearms accessories, and ammunition. These businesses provide essential items needed to protect one's family, property and possibly the lives of others. This past year we have seen many cities overrun with rioting, looting, vandalism, assaults, and murder which is why self-defense is so vital. Not all of us can afford personal security, so we must rely on ourselves for protection.

I strongly encourage this committee vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1052 "An Act To Protect the Firearm Use and Possession Rights of Maine Citizens during an Emergency"

Thank you for your time,