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I support LD 1179 "An Act To Restrict Maine Law Enforcement Participation in Federal Firearm Confiscation or Buy-back Programs without Legislative Approval".

As I understand it, this bill requires a majority vote of each House of the Legislature and approval by the Governor for any use of a law enforcement officer or agency in a federal firearm confiscation or buy-back program. This bill applies to any firearm or ammunition magazine legally owned on or before January 1, 2021.

These are law abiding citizen's legally purchased and owned firearms and magazines. The government cannot confiscate or buy back what they did not purchase in the first place. This is our property. Any attempt to do so, is an attack on law-abiding Maine citizens, and a direct violation of our Maine Constitutional rights, specifically Article 1, Section 16: "To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."

I oppose any legislation local or national, intending to strip Maine citizens of our Constitutional rights. Using our own law enforcement to participate in a federal firearm confiscation or buyback program is reprehensible.

Therefore, I support LD 1179 "An Act To Restrict Maine Law Enforcement Participation in Federal Firearm Confiscation or Buy-back Programs without Legislative Approval", and it "ought to pass".