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Mount Desert
LD 1438

To: The Committee on Island Fisheries and Wildlife

I would like to testify in opposition to LD1438.

I have no objection to safe hunting in Maine, but due to its density and intermingling of woods and development, Mount Desert Island is not a location where hunting could safely be introduced. In my own neighborhood we have many deer but our children play in the woods often close to the neighborhood, but over the 100 yard zone required for discharging a firearm. There are many similar areas of MDI where a few hundred yards of woods would technically allow shooting, but are not distant enough from our housing and other development to do so with consistent safety for our community.

Thank you for your consideration.