



July 18, 2024

VIA U.S. MAIL

Janet Mills
Governor
State of Maine
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Shenna Bellows
Secretary of State
State of Maine
148 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Governor Mills and Secretary Bellows:

FPC is a human rights advocacy organization working to create a free world. We understand from a recent news report¹ that State personnel forwarded our online communications to your State Police. Our approach may leave little to wonder. But please know that we take First Amendment-protected rights just as seriously as we do others.

You must surely be aware that our X post² responding to Governor Mills's discussion of an immoral ban on protected arms is clearly protected speech as there is absolutely no uncertainty about the law regarding this form of speech. If not, some education is in order.

Naked authoritarianism, such as efforts to chill free speech, is not acceptable to FPC and our members. We strongly encourage you to learn more about protected speech and arms.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Combs', written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Combs
President

P.S. We are sending a copy of this letter to your State Police Commissioner to save you the trouble this time.

cc: Michael J. Sauschuck, Commissioner

¹ Steve Robinson, "F*** you. No": Janet Mills' Team Flagged Maine Wire Video, Firearms Policy Coalition Tweet to State Police as Potential Threat, MAINE WIRE, July 17, 2024, online at <https://www.themainewire.com/2024/07/f-you-no-janet-mills-team-flagged-maine-wire-video-firearms-policy-coalition-tweet-to-state-police-as-potential-threat>.

² @gunpolicy, X, (Dec. 20, 2023), <https://x.com/gunpolicy/status/1737529309173006754> ("Hey @GovJanetMills , Three words: Fuck you. No.").