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Senator Chair Anne Carney , Representative Chair Matt Moonen and honorary members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Kristina Parker and I am 18 years old, I am from Sidney, Maine. Please do not allow yourselves to dismiss what I have to say because of my youth.

Given the logic behind this bill, if I was to write a word on a piece of paper and I misspell the word it's the pencils fault.

Given the logic behind this bill, if I am driving a sports car at 100 miles an hour in a 45 mile per hour zone and I hit somebody because of my reckless driving. That person dies, but it's the car's fault.

However, if you use true logic and reason, if one person harms another, regardless of the weapon, a firearm of any caliber, type, size or color, a baseball bat, a cannon, a vehicle, a bottle of poison or even their own fist. The wielder of those weapons who harms the other person is responsible for any damages or death, not the person who made the gun or the baseball bat. Guns have never been an issue, people cause the problems. If harm is intended, harm will be done. So rather than removing people's rights and property, why don't we prevent the evil and mental instability from occurring in the first place? Instead of so many gun control bills, I want to see legislation that will truly help Maine people and create a good, peaceful society. Stop trying to control law-abiding citizens.

Thank you.