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Ld 2130 ought-NOT-to pass as any infringement on the 2nd ammendment is unconstitutional.

A discussion.

Mental health:

The shooting in Maine while tragic illustrated how the law enforcement, mental health judivial and even the military systems exhibited critical failures before and after the tragic shootings by Mr. Card.

- His close friend encouraged Card to seek help. He notified his national guard commander (news interview video) of Card's mental status and that he was about to lose it. His commander told the news Card's friend wasn't credible so rejected the warning.
- The policeman (on video) who visited Card's family - using the new yellow law and from calls for help by his sister in law - radioed central and warned them Card was a ticking time bomb. Was there followup on this report?
- Card was hospitalized and placed on medication but was there a follow up on his case?
- Card was fitted with hearing aids and began "hearing voices" . Was there followup on his mental status?

The shootings were carried out in "gun free" zones - as are most recent mass shootings.

Could and should have this tragedy been averted or at least limited if the establishments had firearms and if the "systems" worked as they were designed?

A perspective:

Whole these shootings were a tragedy, I've been able to find only 1 itther mass shooting recorded in Maine.

By contrast as someone whose worked in healthcare as a respiratory therapist and a systems/data analyst for a combined 40 years. I used to calculate and report hospital mortality rates in Maine.

- 25% of all hospital deaths are due to medical errors (iatrogenic and nosocomial) means.
- 400,000 deaths by the healthcare industry every year while 47,000 by guns and 50% by self inflicted suicides.
- 37 of the last mass shooting perpetrators had been prescribed antidepressants.

If one puts that in perspective, we should be talking about the failure of the healtcare system today.

Thank you.