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My name is Dr. Eric Dombroski, Navy veteran and pediatrician at the Pediatric Associates of Lewiston. I work across the street from the bowling ally where too many people lost their lives a short time ago. I fully and completely support laws to help prevent gun violence. Mass shootings have become an epidemic in America. You can easily see that other western countries do not have these issues because they have common sense gun laws. Canada responded to a mass shooting by banning assault weapons. England and Australia did the same. why is the USA so far behind these civilized countries? Just because we have a right to arms doesn't mean it shouldn't be considered a privilege that can be lost. For example, felons lose their right to vote. If someone expresses violent ideation there should be stops in place to prevent them from accessing weapons. There are many instances where freedoms are taken away from people who pose a threat to society. Prevent mass shootings— no one needs an automatic weapon. No one needs armor piercing bullets. Do not let the NRA get in the way of public safety.