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LD 2224

Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

I urge you to support LD 2224 to expand background checks for gun sales, strengthen Maine's yellow-flag laws, and establish an Injury and Violence Prevention Program at the Maine CDC. I also urge you to support LD 2238 to require a waiting period for firearm purchases.

I have followed Maine's debate over gun laws for more than 30 years. I have never seen such widespread support for strengthening those laws as has been apparent in the wake of the Lewiston shooting. Now is the time to act.

I was a victim of gun violence as a young woman, and that experience remains seared in my memory. During most of my life, I have seen gun laws get looser and looser. We all pay an unacceptable price: worrying about our safety and that of our families as we carry on our daily lives. You can make a difference by passing these two measures.

Thank you for listening.  
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