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Senator Anne Carney, Representative Matt Moonen, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of four gun safety bills which have hearings this week: LD 2119, LD 2086, LD 2238, and LD 2224.

Gun violence has reached an appalling level in Maine, and is a public health and safety emergency that needs to be addressed by the legislature with passage of these common sense bills. We need to protect our families and communities NOW, not sometime in the future.

I speak as a mother, terrified that my children will be in a public or private space at the wrong moment when a shooter enters the building intent on killing.

I speak as a grandmother, terrified for my grandchildren who are entering the public school system, which has become a target of shooters.

I speak as a woman aware that suicide rates of young women are rising, and hand guns are readily available to those in turmoil.

I speak as a gun owner and support the use of non-automatic handguns and rifles appropriate for hunting and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully,

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