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Testimony in support of LD 2224 and LD 2238

Dear honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary,

My name is David Bilski, and I live in New Harbor, Maine. I wish to submit this written testimony in support of LD 2224 and LD 2238 because they represent sensible efforts at increasing gun safety in Maine. If the mass shooting in Lewiston in October 2023 has taught us anything, surely it's that our state has a vast need to strengthen gun safety laws to reduce the chance that this sort of thing will happen again. Polls across the state show that Maine citizens support these efforts, and I'd like to see that the legislature will be given the chance to reflect this same support. Everything in these two bills is reasonable and called for, and in fact already in place in many other states. Waiting for another such mass shooting to create further impetus to give the green light to these safety efforts is not what this state needs. We need significant change, and we need it NOW. Please find the resolve to do so and vote "ought to pass" for LD 224 and LD 2238 so that the legislature as a whole can have the opportunity to demonstrate this same resolve. Thank you very much.

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