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Honorable Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Rev. Christine Dyke, I am Lead Minister at First Parish Church UCC in Gorham. I ask you to support LD2119 and its aim to make it easier for family members and law enforcement to get dangerous weapons away from someone who is a threat to themselves or others.

I have sat with families whose hearts were shattered by the loss of a loved on to suicide. While it is difficult to draw clear boundaries with those whom you love, those who are a danger to themselves, and others, must not have access to lethal means. Making this process less tortuous for the person seeking to do the right thing is what we can do as a society to make a difficult situation a bit easier.

Please take this next step in strengthening our yellow-flag laws.

I urge you to pass LD 2119 and make Maine a safer place.

Thank you

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