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Dear Senator Carney and Representative Mooney,

For some people, life can seem pretty bleak at times. Bleak enough to cause someone to shoot themselves. In Maine, the rate of suicide deaths using firearms is high - and climbing. As a lifelong Mainer, I spent my career working with people - as a social worker and an elementary school teacher. I care about the well-being of my fellow Mainers, and as a professional, I try to follow the data. Research tells us that a 72 hour waiting period saves lives, giving desperate, impulsive people time to cool down and seek help. We need to implement proven strategies that work to save the lives of our fellow citizens - and to reduce the ripple of grief that follows the suicide of a loved one. Please enact the 72 hour waiting period.

Respectfully,
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