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LD 2119

LD 2119 - An Act to Support Suicide Prevention by Allowing the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights

I am writing in support of LD 2119 - An Act to Support Suicide Prevention by Allowing the Voluntary Waiver of Firearm Rights.

As a mother, resident of Yarmouth, and epidemiologist with over 20 years of experience, I support this bill that could help protect lives when people are in crisis.

The bill provides two measures that could help prevent deaths when someone is experiencing a crisis: first, a means by which people could confidentially and voluntarily sign themselves up for the federal do-not-sell list if they wished to remove themselves from the impulse to buy a gun and second, a safe storage option which is a waiver from liability for gun shop owners who provide storage of firearms for customers.

This option could protect suicidal people and those who want to protect their loved ones when they are in the throes of a mental health or other type of crisis.

Thank you,  
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