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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Philomena Ostapchuk and I live in Newcastle, ME. I am testifying regarding this bill as a concerned community member and as a member of the Midcoast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. My faith centers on the actions of love. This bill is a caring and civil way to help those who may be struggling with suicidal thoughts or may be contemplating violence. It is not a panacea for the prevention of all acts of self-harm or violence but in conjunction with meeting the mental health needs of those who struggle, this provides a revocable action at a time of need. I ask that you vote "ought to pass".

Thank you for your attention,  
respectfully submitted,  
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