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My name is Susan F. Bartlett and I am from Limington, Maine. I am writing to ask the Legislature to vote in favor of gun safety bills including LD 2237, LD 2086, LD 2238 and LD 2224. I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and am concerned about trauma resulting from gun violence. I support the need to expand background checks on firearm sales. It is critical that accurate, thorough and timely mental health information be available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to prevent sales of firearms to individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. I also support access to mental healthcare for individuals experiencing crisis by reducing waiting lists to see therapists.