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Dear Members of the Legislature working on gun safety legislation. I write in support of the bills that are currently being considered. They are at least a beginning. I hope that all of you will make it your passion to protect every person who is in State of Maine with especial interest for children in schools as well as for the adults who care for them. Imagine that they are your children who may be victims of gun violence or may be frightened of being one. This is a thorny issue so it will take some civic courage to vote in favor of these bills and to create further legislation designed to end gun violence. As a retired teacher I can recall my high school students who were so fearful when we had safety drills. It is not fair for them to have to go to school afraid. School is hard enough without the threat of violence. Thank you for working towards a solution to the gun violence crisis.