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LD 2238

Good morning Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Leora Rabin, MD and I am from the town of Yarmouth, Maine.

I am writing to testify in support of LD 2238- An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchase.

I am a psychiatrist at MMC out-patient and SHH in-patient hospital.

I work with complex and acute patients who suffer from significant mental illness.

Suicide is often an impulsive act made in a time of crisis or during an episode of severe depression or psychosis. I have worked with patients who have suffered irreversible injuries. I have treated families who have experienced unnecessary loss.

Waiting periods have been proven to be effective in reducing gun violence. By implementing a waiting period for firearm purchase, we can help to prevent tragedies. Please vote to support LD 2238.