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LD 2224

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 Yarmouth, Maine.

I am testifying in support of LD 2224 - An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System.

As a psychiatrist working at MMC, I have worked with many families who feel powerless when they have an adult child who has access to guns and is suffering from a psychiatric illness.

LD 2224 would allow family members of a loved one at risk to themselves or others to submit an extreme risk protection application.

Extreme risk protection is critical as a means to prevent gun violence.

Extreme risk protection would have likely prevented the horrific tragedy of the Lewiston shooting.

Family members know best if their loved one is facing a mental health crisis and is at risk to self or others. LD 2224 is vital to prevent gun violence. Please consider voting in favor of LD 2224. Thank you.