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LD 2238

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and distinguished members of the
Committee on Judiciary

I am submitting testimony in support of LD 2238 . My name is Jessica Glant and I
live in Bridgton.

Gun violence in this country is at unprecedented levels and Maine needs stronger gun
safety laws to keep our communities safe. Requiring a 72-hour waiting between the
purchase and transfer of a firearm would allow a critical time period for intervention
with people who are in crisis. It would allow law enforcement to do a complete
background check before an individual is able take possession of a firearm. Inciting
factors such as anger, rage, and other intense emotions are often short-lived emotions
and waiting periods can allow needed time to de-escalation. Self-inflicted gun shots
are often impulsive and involve little planning. Allowing for more time between
someone purchasing a firearm and ensure they are safe to own a firearm makes sense
and the majority of Mainers support both background checks and a 72-hour waiting
period. They do not take away rights of responsible gun owners and they helps
prevent those in crisis from access guns before anyone can intervene. Please vote to
pass LD 2238 to help keep Mainers safe.