

save lives re LD 2224

We have plenty of evidence telling us that some people use their guns to kill themselves or other people. We can agree on the following points: We have a high rate of death by guns in Maine, including children. It is very clear that some people are not able to use guns responsibly. We need ways to reduce this rate of death by guns. Background checks at the time of purchase of a gun are one way to do this. They help to keep guns out of the hands of people whose past behavior indicates that they are prone to violence. Extreme Risk Protection is another way to keep guns out of the hands of someone whose behavior indicates that they are very likely to use their gun to take a life or lives. We have learned that there are often signs ahead of time that a person is close to taking lives. These are situations where prevention of harm is aided by Extreme Risk Protection measures. Background checks and extreme risk protection will save lives and reduce firearm injuries to others. Vote for LD 2224.