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My name is Maureen Lynes and I am a resident of Scarborough Maine, a mother to 10 and 6 year old girls, and a biologist. I am writing in strong support of the LD2238 and LD2224 gun safety legislation under discussion.

Gun safety legislation is important to me as a Mainer. I know that our state has a robust hunting and sport culture, and I am supportive of responsible gun ownership; however, I strongly believe that background checks, a 72 hour waiting period, and a yellow flag law are consistent with supporting safe gun ownership.

Gun safety legislation is also important to me as a mother. I think about school shootings every day when I put my kids on the bus. I will always worry about guns in the hands of people who should not have them, but knowing that LD2238 and LD2224 are in place will be a step in the right direction. I will never forget how my oldest daughter Grace refused to play outside for a week following the Lewiston shooting, and how she came into my bed for the first time since she was a toddler. She was anxious and scared of this happening to our family and how could I truthfully tell her not to worry when I worry myself? I know that these bills will not solve every gun-related violent crime in the state, but they are an important step forward and I am in strong support.

Thank you for your time,
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