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LD 2224

Testimony to the Maine Legislature in support of LD 2224, An Act to Strengthen
Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System 3/7/24

Senator Carney, Rep. Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Katherine Zema and I live in South Portland.

I urge your support for LD 2224 including expanded background checks and
improved mental health services for Mainers.

Last October, the tragedy in Lewiston changed the lives of so many, including my 12
year old nephew and 10 year old niece. Their dad was playing cornhole at
Schemengees the night an active shooter entered the bar. My niece and nephew are
“lucky” to have a father who is alive and healing both physically and emotionally, but
it is a long road of recovery for everyone.

I believe the mental health component of LD 2224 may have made a difference in the
outcome of or even prevented the Lewiston tragedy.

I urge you to support LD 2224 An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving
Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System so that we can move forward to
make our beautiful state a safer place.