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Good afternoon Senator Carney, Representative Moonen , Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Mazie Chamberlin.

I am a first-year student at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. This October, along with the rest of my peers, I spent three nights in lockdown on the Bates College campus while a man with a high-caliber rifle opened fire on people at a bowling alley just over a mile away. I could not believe that a mass murder was taking place so close to me and after having only been a member of the Bates and Lewiston communities for a few months. I had not before in my life experienced the fear and sadness that I felt during the shooting and in the time that followed, and I know this sentiment is widely shared at Bates, in the Lewiston-Auburn community, and across Maine.

There are eighteen people who may still be here had firearms been more difficult to acquire in the state of Maine. I am testifying today because I believe bills like LD 2224 and LD 2238 pose as necessary first steps in strengthening gun regulation in Maine and preventing further senseless loss of life.

I urge members of the committee to vote yes on LD 224 and LD 2238. This concludes my testimony. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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