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Honorable Senators and Representatives of Judiciary Committee:

I'm writing you today because I am unable to attend today's meetings regarding proposed gun laws. I'm asking you to take a pause on any new gun legislation here in Maine. In recent memory voters (the people you're supposed to represent) have rejected at the polls any new gun restrictions. Nothing has changed except for the actions of one individual. We, as the masses should not be punished by the actions of one person who clearly asked for help (although not directly) and none was afforded to him based on failures of law enforcement and military personnel who failed to act in spite of multiple red flags. Maine has a long standing tradition of supporting shooting sports. I moved my family here this past fall looking to live in a free state that respected all our Constitutional rights. Please don't upset that because of a knee jerk reaction to one person's failures. Take a step back, let's work on mental health issues, let's work on our rampant drug issue, let's work on our homelessness issues, let's work on our economy, let's work on taking care of our youth and elderly, let's work on our health care system. There's so many issues that are facing our State, let's get to work on them as they are a much greater threat to everybody's health and welfare, much more than the actions of one individual. Thanks for hearing me out. Please do the right thing.