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The following bills ought-NOT-to pass:

LD 2224
LD 2238
LD 2086

Make no mistake. These bills are about "gun control". If the state- govenor and legislature we sincerely serious about addressing the worst offenders of health and safety, rather than presenting bills on gun control we would likely be testifying to a series of bills managing the oversight of the Medical industrial complex. These facts are about perspective: A a healthcare practitioner and a data scientist for a combined 40 yrs, I was responsible for generating and reporting numbers such as these:

National (per year)

Gun deaths: 47,000

Deaths due to medical errors: 440,000

That's 1 death every 5 min due to medical errors.

I used to publish monthly mortality values for a major medical center in Maine.

Of the top 10 contributors of in hospital deaths, 25% (the top two) were the result of nosocomial and iatrogenic means- medical errors.

37 of the last mass shooters were on anti depressants.

So if we are genuinely concerned about the health and welfare of our citizens, this is the area we should dedicate more resources and oversight.

Please consider this.

Sandyhook and other school mass shooting sites and the two establishments in Lewiston where the shootings occurred were in "Gun Free Zones".

The patrons of these establishments would have arguably been safer had the bartenders/servers had a shotgun behind the counter and been able to defend themselves.

While it's tragic when so many lives are lost, when told about the 26 fatalities at Sandyhook, a teenager in the hood of Chicago stated, "That's a Saturday night around here." ; another state with strict gun laws.

Maine is mostly rural. While a mother is waiting for a court order to keep her husband from away from the premises, she won't be able to get a firearm for her protection for 72hrs. Even if her husband can't buy a firearm as well he can still bludgeon her over the head with a hammer or stab her to death.

I hope you will take this testimony into serious consideration.

By the way, I lost four of my family members to medical errors.

Thank you.

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