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*Testimony of Rep. Sophie Warren in support of*  
**LD 2224, An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine’s Firearm Laws  
and Mental Health System**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary*

Good afternoon, Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and respected colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. My name is Sophie Warren, and I represent House District 124, which includes part of Scarborough, in the Maine House of Representatives.

I am testifying in support of LD 2224, with one caveat at the direction of and strong support of my community -- the inclusion of a so-called “Red-Flag” policy to enable in statute the desperately needed and evidence-based measure allowing law enforcement to temporarily remove a firearm from a person going through a mental health crisis under an extreme risk protection order to drastically reduce the possibility of a potentially deadly situation.

Work done by this Committee in 2019 by Representative Millett (2019 ME LD1312 [An Act Regarding Access to Firearms by Extremely Dangerous and Suicidal Individuals](#)) models a strategy this committee could adopt in this bill. I respectfully ask you to revisit this needed, worked through, and well-vetted proposal for your serious consideration as an amendment to this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure as an amendment to LD 2224.