

Kerry Read

LD 2238

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Kerry Read. I am a resident of Paris and am testifying in support of LD 2238.

I worked as a trained volunteer on a crisis line for many years. I heard the raw and immediate fear of those who were in grave danger from an enraged partner. I heard the despair in those who were struggling to find a reason to face another day. In either case, if I heard that a firearm was present or accessible, I knew the danger of losing a life was great and imminent.

By delaying immediate access to firearms, waiting periods create an important "cooling off" period that can help prevent impulsive acts of gun violence, including gun homicides and suicides.

Please help save lives by creating this reasonable and necessary waiting period. Please vote, "Ought to Pass" on LD 2238.