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LD 2224

To: Judiciary Committee

I am writing to support and urge passage of LD 2224 - An Act to Strengthen Public Safety by Improving Maine's Firearm Laws and Mental Health System. I agree with the Maine Gun Safety Coalition that LD 2224 doesn't go far enough (see [mainegunsafety.org](http://mainegunsafety.org) and Portland Press Herald Editorial, 2/24/2024) and hope that the legislature will eventually enact an Extreme Risk Protection Order (Red Flag Law) enabling family members to act more quickly and no longer requiring the person of concern to be taken into custody. Meanwhile LD 2224 will strengthen the existing Yellow Flag Law and expand mental health services; as a longtime educator (retired) of elementary, secondary and university students I welcome the efforts of Governor Mills and others to improve gun safety in Maine.