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To: Judiciary Committee

I am writing to support/urge passage of LD 2238, An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases. I'm not opposed to lawful and responsible use of guns and have friends and relatives who are/were hunters. I noted in my written testimony for LD 2224 that I believe the proposed gun safety laws should and could be stronger without infringing on the rights of responsible gun owners. But I do believe as some research suggests that passage of LD 2238 and a 72 hour waiting period could save lives by preventing some suicides and homicides. I have had a long career in education, have intervened in suicide attempts and lost a friend to suicide committed with a gun. Please recommend passage of LD 2238.