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My name is Ella Wallace and I am a senior social work student at UMaine. As someone who had never owned a gun, did not come from a family that owned guns, and has an all around lack of knowledge on guns themselves, guns control my thoughts and mental wellness to an extent that is upsetting and also unavoidable. I know I am not alone in this. Fellow students attending class, friends and family members in their workplaces, and many people just trying to function and add to society are living in fear; when will it be us next? This is a question that is not too far out of reach, given how many mass fatalities we have in the US, and as we saw recently, one in our very own small state. This waiting period in question serves as a crucial safeguard against impulsive decisions that could have dire consequences. In moments of heightened emotion or distress, individuals may seek out firearms as a means of resolving conflicts or addressing perceived threats. Setting this bill into place could get the very important conversation of heightened gun control laws rolling amongst the people of Maine. A public where humans can go and feel safe can be created again, and this would be a great step in that direction.