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Honorable committee members:

A career as a Maine pediatrician has more than convinced me of the need for this legislation. Having a true extreme risk protection order has enormous value in preventing the death and disability that I've witnessed. Whether it's the trauma of domestic violence, or a teen's impulsive and transient suicidal thoughts, this bill is critically important. Lives will be saved via this ability to remove lethal weapons temporarily during crisis situations. Responsible gun owners will be unaffected. Gun violence is now the leading cause of pediatric death in the US. A true extreme risk protection order has made other states significantly safer. In my career I wish that I had access to such an intervention.

Thank you for supporting LD 2283.

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