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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Jason Burnham. I am a resident of Winthrop and I am testifying in opposition of LD 2283 (HP 1470): An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Legislative Document No. 2283.

While the title may suggest noble intentions, the provisions of this bill raise serious concerns about its potential impact on Mainer's civil liberties and individual rights. The broad powers granted under this bill risk infringing upon the privacy and due process rights of Maine residents. The language of the bill lacks sufficient safeguards to prevent abuse and overreach by law enforcement agencies.

By allowing for the issuance of crisis intervention orders without adequate judicial oversight, LD2283 undermines the principles of checks and balances that are essential to a fair and just legal system. Furthermore, the vague criteria for determining when a crisis intervention order may be issued leaves room for subjective interpretation and potential discrimination. Without clear guidelines and accountability measures, there is a real risk that individuals may be unfairly targeted and deprived of their rights without just cause.

Mainers rely on our elected representatives to uphold the values of democracy and protect our fundamental freedoms. LD2283 represents a step in the wrong direction, prioritizing perceived security over the rights of individuals.

I urge you to oppose this legislation and work towards ensuring Title 34-B, §3862-A is utilized to balance public safety and the protection of our civil liberties.

Sincerely,  
Jason Burnham