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LD2283 as written is riddled with flaws. The people of Maine deserve better than a rushed bill that is vague and poorly written. The concept of taking custody of a persons guns because an accuser "alleges" a respondent poses a "significant danger of causing harm to the respondent or another person. This can be abused immediately by a jilted lover, an angry adolescent, a misunderstanding of any number of allegations.

Under the "Crisis Intervention Order" who is to say what the allegation of #2 "reasonable fear" is? This can be taken out of context or also abused by literally anyone. #3 states respondents "actions or Inactions" This literally is the definition of doomed if you do or doomed if you don't. This is absurd.

This bill gives an Accuser the right and power to have a court seize peoples guns just by "alleging" there is a problem by stating they have "reasonable fear" or by "actions or inactions". The accuser can say they told the respondent to leave and they didn't therefore they are guilty of "Inaction" and therefore the guns should be seized. The is absurd.

This bill is an absolute infringement on the constitutional right to bear arms. It is also an easy way to hassle a person without due process. This bill would force innocent people to be summonsed to court to fight for their property back which causes hardship by having to take time off from work and retain an attorney for potentially nothing at all.

Please vote this poorly written Bill down. Thank you for your time.