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I am a retired psychiatrist who practiced in Maine since 1987. You are likely aware of the statistics related to unnecessary deaths associated with guns in our state. I will underscore just one here: 89% of deaths by guns are suicides. During my career I was personally aware of a Mainer who, after discharge from a facility, committed murder and then suicide within hours of purchasing his first gun at a Maine gun store. A mandatory waiting period would have resulted in three Mainers still being alive today. I urge you to support this bill. So many Mainers know that our current gun laws do not provide us with the opportunity to live our lives with a sense of safety. We know things are out of whack. We are exhausted by excuses that things can't change. Please restore our faith in government by passing a reasonable bill like the one your debating today. Tony McCann MD