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Testimony of Sarah Johnson in support of LD 2269 - An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public

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Honorable Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sarah Johnson, I live in Sanford and I am writing in support of LD LD 2269 - An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public

This bill is designed to protect the safety of all Mainers by implementing a well defined process to assess those who may be a danger to themselves as well as others. It also protects firearms owners with clear definitions and procedures to protect their rights.

This legislation implements a temporary restriction that would provide those in crisis and their families time and resources to seek help. When gun violence occurs we too often hear the grief of the family who had been asking for help, and attempting to remove firearms, but had no support to do so. This legislation is that support. Firearms owners also have a clearly defined process to present evidence that they are not a danger to anyone.

This proposed law is defined as “emergency crisis intervention”. Its purpose is to diffuse life-threatening situations and ensure the safety of everyone by giving families and law enforcement the opportunity to intervene before a tragedy occurs and simultaneously protecting due process rights of the gun owner.

I hope you will support this legislation for all of our protection.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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