

Diane Vernesoni
Topsham
LD 2283

Chair and Members of the Judiciary Committee: I am writing this testimony to strongly urge you to vote "OUGHT NOT TO PASS" on LD 2283. Also known as Red Flag laws for firearms. I feel that this is opening up a very unsafe situation for many people. A woman needing to protect herself from an abusive and violent relationship will certainly be less able to get a weapon to protect herself from harm. An abusive man will use this opportunity to hit, hurt and possibly kill her if she cannot obtain a firearm in time. No where in the Constitution of the United States does it say we do not have the right to protect ourselves. In fact, it says quite the opposite! This is just another way for the government to take control of our lives and take our rights away so that they can have total control of everything we do and say. It is time to say NO to big government control and Yes to common sense, which seems to be sadly lacking in Augusta these days. It is time for you to listen to your constituents and not your misguided political affiliations! Maine needs to be safe, yes. But we already have a system in place to do that. All the police/sheriffs have to do is their job. The sheriff's department should never have left the Car residence without making contact with him. It is their fault and not any guns fault. Weed out the bad seeds and leave our guns alone! Again, no amount of legislation is EVER going to save one person from getting shot. No matter what you like to tell yourselves. Therefore, PLEASE vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD 2283. Thank you