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Regarding this "Crisis Intervention Order Act": The late tragedy in Lewiston can be traced to two root causes; the near-universal failure of government agencies to act upon a known threat, even when provided with tools under the existing Yellow Flag law; and business establishments that declared 'gun-free zones', while simultaneously providing no security arrangements to protect the patrons that they demanded disarm. Have either of these root causes been addressed? I think not. Yet here we go with another demand upon the citizens to submit to further diminution of their constitutional and natural rights.

I have submitted testimony previously, where I reviewed the 1855 Supreme Court case 'South v Maryland', which established that Law Enforcement responsibility to protect is to the public as a whole, and does not extend to individuals. This bill as constituted renders an individual citizen defenseless while simultaneously providing no protections. This bill, if enacted, will be abused, just as custody laws currently are. If a respondent who has been disarmed is subsequently injured or killed, how is the State not responsible?

I have worked all over the United States, and spent a lifetime among the 'common people', and know this: they may not know much about 'The Law', but they have an almost exquisite sense of Justice. You offend that sense of Justice at your peril. Stop dancing in the blood of the victims of this tragedy, and fix the root causes!