

**To:** Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

**From:** Stephen Majercik, 15 Beech Dr., Brunswick, ME, 04011

**Re:** Support for LD 2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Stephen Majercik and I live in Brunswick. I have lived in Maine for all but six of the last 38 years. For the past 23 years, I was a faculty member in the Computer Science Department at Bowdoin College. I am now retired. I am writing to testify in support of LD 2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

I believe that Maine Legislators must enact changes to Maine's current Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO). Currently, there are not enough mental health practitioners or mental health clinics in our state to make it feasible for families to get a diagnosis as required under the current law. LD 2283 will reduce both homicides and suicides by providing law enforcement and family members with the tools they need to temporarily remove the firearms of individuals who are exhibiting concerning and dangerous behaviors and pose a threat to themselves or others.

I'd like to thank the Committee Members for their consideration of my testimony and for their attention to LD 2283.