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**Statement in Support of LD 2283**

*An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the  
Public*

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Good Morning, Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Grace Ott from District 43 Spruce Head, Maine. ***I am writing to express my strong support for LD 2283, which establishes a TRUE Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) process here in Maine.***

All 3 terms (Extreme Risk Protection Order/ERPO, Crisis Prevention Order and Red Flag Law) are intended to save lives and increase public safety, but LD 2283 is referred to as a “TRUE ERPO” as it further clarifies and EMPOWERS Maine families and law enforcement to disarm individuals in crisis.

As a licensed clinical social worker in Maine we are evaluating risk to self and/or others with every client or patient we meet with. Having access to guns is a known risk factor and a standard question on suicide/homicide risk assessments.

Please give us **all** some tools by passing LD2283.

Let us **help** you keep our communities safe as you help us by passing LD2283.

Let’s work together in Maine to preserve “the way life should be”- pass LD2283.

This is a suicide prevention measure – please pass LD2283.

Disarm individuals in crisis with a True ERPO by passing LD2283.

Reduce Risk of mass shootings like Lewiston in 2023 by passing LD2283.

Prevent more tragedies in Maine – NOW by passing LD2283

Thank you for your time and please make a difference by voting “ought to pass” on LD 2283.