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Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

As mass shootings continue to occur with frequency, 21 states have enacted extreme risk protection orders. Maine has a high rate of suicide by gun, and now a mass shooting in Lewiston. Maine needs to have stronger options available to those concerned for their loved ones. While a Yellow Flag law is a step forward, the Maine Legislature should enact a traditional ERPO law that give families the option of going directly to a judge – allowing a judge do his or her job and weigh the facts immediately even if a medical evaluation cannot be obtained – while retaining the existing Yellow Flag law