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LD 2283

I am writing to urge you to support LD 2283, which will create an Extreme Risk Protection Order system for Maine. This legislation will make sure that families and communities have the tools they need to keep their loved ones safe in the face of mental health crises. It will save lives, prevent suicides and mass shootings, and other tragedies. My mother committed suicide almost 50 years ago, and the pain still lingers in me and my brother. Anything that we as a people can do to prevent troubled individuals from accessing weapons and killing themselves will be a blessing. My father and grandfather were hunters and I understand the role that hunting can play in people's lives. I do not feel that the ERPO will limit or impinge on hunters' rights.