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LD 2283

Speaker Talbot Ross, Senator Vitelli, and Representatives Cloutier, Terry, and Daughtry, and Members of the Maine Judiciary Committee, my name is Meghan Ray and I oppose LD 2283. I live in Sanford Maine. Thank you for the opportunity to address the Committee.

I oppose LD 2283 because it infringes on our Second Amendment Rights. It would allow for firearms to be removed from individuals based off of mere hearsay. Maine already has a Yellow Flag Law, which requires police officers, the courts, and medical professionals to determine if an individual is dangerous and unfit to own a firearm. Overall, the Yellow Flag Law is wise. However, the proposed Red Flag Law is extremely unwise, dangerous, and infringes on our Constitutional Rights.

As a fellow Mainer, I too am grieved at the tragedy of the Lewiston shooting. But please consider how many lives could have been saved if someone had been carrying a firearm in one of the shooting locations. The answer to firearm misuse and violence is not to strip people of their Constitutional Right to carry a firearm to defend themselves. So I implore you, let us enforce the Yellow Flag Law and let the trained Law Enforcement, courts, and medical professionals determine who should not possess firearms. The Red Flag Law is too weak and broad, and will do more harm than good.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony. I urge you to please stand up for the Constitution and our Second Amendment Rights, and vote in opposition of LD 2283.