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LD 2283

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee,
Our names are Pete and Bette Horton. We are a military family living in Brunswick.
We are writing this testimony in support of LD 2283.

Effective gun laws require effective measures such as Red Flag laws not Yellow.
Sensible gun laws must also require for those under 21: background checks, waiting
periods, and most importantly, a ban on WEAPONS OF WAR! These same laws
must also apply to private sales, especially Gun Shows.

Gun Shows have no rules to follow, especially in the parking lot. The gun lobby
makes sure that Gun Shows will not be included in the gun legislation and we all
know better than to disregard one the biggest sources for illegal gun sales to any
willing buyer. Wink, wink.

Adding more mental health systems is always needed but is not the cause. This is a
universal decoy coming from the gun lobby. We need not label those with mental
health issues as would-be criminals.

Please include private sales at Gun Shows.

We have faith that our Maine legislation will provide the laws needed to protect us all
from reckless homicides and mass shootings. We all deserve to live in safety,
especially our children in school, college and beyond.

We thank you for your efforts towards keeping us safe.