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I am completely in support of this legislation and hope it is the \*least\* you will do to ensure we create safer communities in Maine. The rise in gun violence is alarming, yet we also know that individuals - and in particular women in domestic violence situations - are terrorized by threats of gun violence daily. Families need more access to more solutions to support potential offenders and reduce the chance that a threat becomes a reality. We also need to take more seriously the harm that being threatened by a gun can do on those living with the fear.

I even experience this as a faculty person, a heightened fear of a shooter entering my classroom degrades my experience of teaching and students experiences of learning.

It is time to take more action. Pass LD 2283 along nonpartisan lines and show Maine people that we can make some progress toward the shared value of helping prevent another crisis.