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LD 2283

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Re: LD 2283

Dear Committee Members,

First, thank you all for the time and effort I know it takes to address this important issue. Having been to Augusta several times before re gun safety, I know how challenging it is to listen for hours and hours and hours of testimony both pro and con.

My words will be few. I doubt many of us have not been touched by gun violence in our own lives, either personally or tangentially through news reportage. In my own case, it was a relative through what I can only assume was an impulsive act upon his own body. I was not in the country when I read of his death. I know the anguish his young family went through. I can only hope for mercy for that young man.

You have a bill before you. The question I am asking is... If you knew that someone in your own family had access to a gun(s) and was at risk of harming himself or others wouldn't you want the justifiable ability to go to the courts along with police enforcement to petition temporary removal of those firearms? I urge you to act in all of our best interests. A true extreme risk protection order is what mercy and intervention can provide.

Sincerely,

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