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Senator Anne Carney  
Representative Matt Moonen  
Members of the Committee on Judiciary  
Room 438  
Cross State Office Building, Augusta, Maine 04330

Dear Chairman Carney, Chairman Moonen and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today as a psychiatric nurse practitioner, independent medical examiner for the District Courts and member of the Legislative Committee of the Maine Nurse Practitioner Association in support of LD2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

I have spent my entire career providing treatment for, and advocacy for, individuals with mental illness. This legislation would allow "...a family or household member, a law enforcement agency or a law enforcement officer..." to petition the court to issue a crisis intervention order due to the significant danger an individual poses to themselves or another individual by purchase, possession, receipt, control or custody of a firearm. It expressly addresses determination of dangerousness and recognizes that profoundly dangerous behavior can result from a multitude of reasons far beyond mental illness, which is where Maine's current yellow flag law leaves off. This Crisis Intervention Order Act builds on the foundation initiated by the yellow flag law and appropriates the essential determination of dangerousness.

I urge you to unanimously support LD2283, without reservation.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Constance W. Jordan". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

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