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Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Today I am writing to you not only as a pediatrician, but also as a mother of two beautiful kiddos, ages 10 and 14, who attend school in Hallowell. Each day as they head off to school, I worry that they may not come home. Living in America, this is our reality, and it is something I've worried about since I stood and watched my son, Emmett, get on the bus for the first time in our beautiful town.

When the shooting in Lewiston occurred, and my colleagues cared for the victims in the hospital where I work, I wish I could say I was shocked, or that it changed my world view. It did not. The truth is, it just made one of the many scenarios I've imagined for years, into a reality. I work each day with pediatricians who were able to stop the bleeding in time to save the life of a 16 year old, as well as a family member of the shooter who is guiding her family through an unbelievably complex grieving process. The horrors of that day will fade, but they will be with us every day at Central Maine Medical Center. Based on the evidence I have reviewed, I truly believe that an extreme risk protection order (ERPO) will decrease the likelihood that events such as the Lewiston shooting occur again.

As a physician, I'm guided by evidence based practices. The American Academy of Pediatrics (as well as number of other professional organizations) recommends, among other measures, ERPOs. As a mother and community member, I am desperate to impress on our legislators the importance of these measures. I hope I can count on you to make the right decision when you vote on LD2268.

I very much appreciate your taking the time to read my testimony.

Best regards,

Rosie Davis