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My name is Barbara Arsenault and I am recommending ought to pass for LD 2238. I live in a gun owning home and live in Mexico, Maine. I appreciate the opportunity to submit my testimony. The first time I testified for an Extreme Risk Protection Order bill was in 2019. A well-dressed young man sat beside me waiting patiently for his turn to speak . I found out afterwards that he was a recent graduate of Marjory Stoneham High School in Parkland. Though he saw his fellow students gunned down he came to Maine at age 19 to advocate for gun safety and an extreme risk protection law. What an amazing amount of courage that took. We need to listen to our young people! After the Lewiston shooting there were many cheers of Lewiston and Maine strong. Are our legislators strong enough to pass gun safety legislation when health practitioners, clergy, young people and teachers who on the front lines when a tragedy happens are begging you to do so or are you scared you won't be reelected? Thank you for your time and consideration.