Nancy Olmstead Portland LD 2283

Dear Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I strongly support LD 2283, and I urge you to vote in support of the bill. The bill gives family members, not just law enforcement, the opportunity to seek help for a loved one in crisis by petitioning a judge for a temporary removal of a person's firearms. Family members are the most likely to recognize warning signs. They should be empowered to seek help when they are concerned that their loved one could pose a risk to themselves or the public. Maine has a chance to join 21 other states that have enacted similar laws.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Sincerely, Nancy Olmstead Portland, 04103