

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, members of the Judiciary Committee:

I'm Mark Segar, resident of Freeport. Thank you for this opportunity to offer brief testimony in support of LD 2283. (I was unable to testify on Friday due to the storm.)

Thanks also to Speaker Talbot-Ross for introducing this important legislation, which will make Maine communities safer, honor individual rights, and support families, law enforcement and other service professionals

As you have heard repeatedly, this bill focuses on situations of extreme risk. It makes the protection process smoother, more accessible, and more informed.

I have spent my adult life working to support young people and their and families. As a teacher, administrator, advocate, parent, and grandparent. Over those fifty years, there have been too many "if only" moments.

If only someone had known, if only someone had intervened. If only something could have been done before it was too late.

Something can be done. We cannot change the past, but we can improve the future. Please help Maine do what's right, by voting ought to pass on LD 2283. Together we can avoid another tragic "if only".

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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