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As an attorney who has spent decades studying and writing books about Constitutional rights, I believe that LD 2283 strikes the right balance between protecting Second Amendment rights and protecting the lives of Mainers. Our judges make such decisions - balancing Constitutional rights with public safety - all the time. For example, under the Fourth Amendment, judges decide when police may invade the sanctity of our homes and search through our most private belongings. As with the application for a search warrant, under LD 2283 a judge will assess the information offered and the credibility of the affiant, and make a decision. (And yes, of course, the judge understands the affiant may have an ulterior motive). The average gun owner has nothing to fear from LD2283. But without LD2283, we all remain in fear of the next, preventable, massacre.