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To Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Regarding L.D. 2283, "An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public"

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Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and members of the Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. I'm Barry Morrell, taxpayer and citizen of the Town of Belgrade, Maine.

I oppose L.D. 2283.

I oppose this bill because I know the "yellow flag" bill is sufficient.

Robert Card had some indicators showing need of psychiatric evaluation. That issue was ignored and consequently the violence occurred. The "yellow flag" law, if implemented, would have recognized the need and not allowed Card to have a weapon.

This "red flag" law is a violation of the U.S. Constitution. The slogan, fear a government that fears your guns, has validity. Law-abiding citizens who enjoy hunting should not be persecuted for the violence of others and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment to the Constitution must not be infringed.

Please, vote "no" on L.D. 2283. Thank you.