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My testimony consists of a few questions and asks you to put yourself in someone else's shoes.

You are the father/the mother of a young man or woman who has been going through a sudden rough patch -- perhaps a devastating break-up or job loss. They are depressed or angry, a condition exacerbated by increased use of drugs or alcohol. There is diminished capacity to cope and they have gun(s) in their home or have recently purchased one or more that you know they keep hidden. The depression has deepened or the anger bubbles up more every day. You are a witness, perhaps the only witness to this change.

What to do? There is a procedure that needs to be followed to somehow confiscate the gun(s) or prevent further gun purchases. The future of how fast and fairly you can take action to reduce the risk of harm to self and harm to others is on the table. LD2283, an ERPO law with teeth would expedite the process, creating a window of opportunity to save lives, including the life of your loved one.

What do you choose? Vote to support LD2283