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LD 2283

Senator Anne Carney and Representative Matt Moonen, and the distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in support of LD 2283 - An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public. LD 2283, which establishes a true extreme risk protection order (ERPO) process. As the complete title of this proposal states, this is to protect the safety of the public. We, the average citizens of Maine, are pleading for protection from the gun violence that has become horribly prevalent in our country, and in our state.

True ERPOs empower family members and law enforcement personnel to petition the courts to temporarily remove firearms from individuals who pose a risk of harming themselves or others. True ERPOs allow family members to get help for their loved ones in crisis without the need for protective custody or a mental health determination. True ERPOs have proven to be effective in preventing suicides, mass shootings, and other preventable tragedies.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 2283.

Thank you for your work on this life saving proposal,
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