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Testimony in Opposition of LD 208 and LD 1230 (Repealing the 72 Hour Waiting Period)

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Members of the Committee,

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There is no need for immediate access when purchasing a gun. In fact, it allows (I would argue provides an incentive) to use it. My worry is violence against others. I do not believe that immediate access to a gun will make anyone safer.

Suicides will be prevented with a waiting period: time to access help. This will save lives.

And gun shows will not go out of business. States like Colorado, Vermont, Florida, and California all have waiting periods and still have gun shows. Let us join them and oppose the repeal of the 72 Hour Waiting Period.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of LD 208 and LD 1230 in your efforts to ensure the safety of all people in Maine.

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