

Senator Ingerson, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services. Our names are John and Jacqueline Violette and we are residents of Lewiston. We are writing in support of LD 1425, An Act to Improve Access to Sustainable and Low-barrier Trauma Recovery Services.

The MRC has provided invaluable support to this community since the mass shooting of October 25, 2023.

They are a community within our larger community. My husband and I have received both individual and group counseling to help us through this grieving process. And it is a PROCESS!! They have provided so many opportunities for families to gather and support one another. It's a beautiful thing!

They have supported me as I continue to help my husband deal with the loss of two family members in this horrific tragedy.

Sadly mental health services are being cut everywhere when the need is the greatest it's ever been nationwide. Please continue to offer our community the hope and resiliency which is vital for us to move forward.

Sincerely,  
John and Jacqueline Violette