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Re: <u>LD 1378</u>: An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 1378.

Our current yellow flag law is too burdensome and complicated to alone provide the necessary safety protections for all Mainers. LD 1378 fills in the gaps and provides a more reasonable, straightforward and efficient process for families to use if a loved one is suffering a mental health crisis, has access to a firearm and shows indications to use the firearm to harm themselves or others.

Maine families need our help. Please provide them this necessary legal tool so they can take immediate preventative action when faced with clear warning signs that a loved one may harm themselves or others with a firearm. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1378.

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