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LD 1378

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Peter Morgan, I live in Raymond, Maine. I respectfully support LD 1378: An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders will allow both families and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily restrict someone's access to dangerous weapons when they're in crisis.

The report by the Lewiston Commission was clear that Maine's "yellow flag law" is cumbersome, weak, ineffective, and failed, despite multiple people close to the shooter reporting that he was in crisis.

Firearms are now the leading cause of death for American children and teens. Other states have used these laws to disarm people who threatened school shootings. We must take every step we can to protect our children.

Northeastern states that have ERPOs include Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Maine needs to keep up with cultural changes.