

To: Senator Anne Carney and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Date: June 11, 2025

RE: LD 1378, An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act

Good Afternoon Senator Carney and members of the Committee.

My name is John McCracken from Woodstock and I am writing in **strong opposition to LD 1378**.

While some may see this bill as reasonable and well intentioned, it seems to be a grab in the direction of restricting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights once again. We are guaranteed by the constitutional to own and bear arms. The greatest concern I have about this bill is the infringement on due process. As citizens we have a right to face our accuser and to have a hearing in court to determine legality of restricting ones constitutional rights or whether or not one is a true threat to self or others. Heresay is not and should not be allowed in the court of law. Anybody could say anything and in this society false accusations fly at the drop of a hat.

One again in strong opposition, **please consider LD 1378 “Ought Not To Pass”**. Do not restrict the rights of law abiding, responsible citizens. This law will absolutely and positively infringe on the People’s rights.

Thank you for your consideration.