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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the committee. My name is Kevin Kobel, and I live in Cape Elizabeth. I respectfully testify in support of LD 1378: An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.” 21 other states and Washington, D.C. have ERPO laws, which have been upheld in court when challenged, and the Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of these types of laws. And they work. ERPOs have been proven to reduce suicide, the leading cause of gun death in Maine, particularly among men. 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.