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Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Salisbury, Members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee

My name is Lois Galgay Reckitt and I represent District 122, the ocean end of South Portland.

I am here today to speak in support of LD 60- An Act to Require a 72-hour Waiting Period After the Sale of a Handgun.

This bill, I truly believe, is a small step forward to decrease the numbers of suicides in Maine every year. Like most people, who are motivated to speak on this issue today, I cannot give you the data for how many suicides have occurred in Maine in any recent time period – nor can I accurately articulate how many of those happened with a gun.

However, like many of those who will speak or write in favor of this initiative today, I will tell you why it matters so much to me personally. In the last few years, my wife and I have lost two close family members to suicides with guns. We have watched the pain and suffering of those remaining – and grieve with them as well as for the lives lost.

For us – and those like us all over Maine – I implore you to vote Ought To Pass on LD 60.