

March 7, 2024 - Testimony before the Joint Standing Committee on JUDICIARY

“An Act to Address Gun Violence in Maine by Requiring a Waiting Period for Certain Firearm Purchases”

Good morning, Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Francis Dore. I'm a resident of Sanford, Maine. I am testifying in support of LD
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Two words come to mind when I think about this bill: **planning** and **understanding**.

Planning - It's logical to surmise that the average person thinking about purchasing a firearm has a plan in mind such as what the firearm will be used for, the type of firearm best served for that purpose, and when the firearm will be needed. That average person with knowledge of the 3-day waiting period to purchase a firearm will plan accordingly.

Understanding - The average person will be able to understand that the 3-day waiting period was not established as an “inconvenience,” but as a “deterrent” to prevent the purchase of a firearm by an individual whose need is immediate and whose plan is fueled by anger and irrational thinking.

I cannot fathom any reasonable, logical, or factual argument that could be posed against the passage of this bill.

I strongly urge your support for this extremely important bill.