

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Margo Donnis. I live in South Portland.

I'm here to provide testimony in support of LD 2283.

My heart aches for the Card family. They tried. They knew Robert Card was troubled and wanted to take his firearms away. They called the sheriff for help. The sheriff could not find him and had no warrant to enter his home to confiscate his firearms.

If LD 2283 had been in place, the Card family could have petitioned a judge to issue a Crisis Protection Order, and they would likely have obtained a warrant for the police to enter Robert Card's home to take his firearms.

I want the Cards to know that we saw their pain; that we will give other troubled families what they did not have: a pathway to obtaining a Crisis Protection Order from a court.

Mainers need protection from our troubled - and sometimes armed - family members. Please support LD 2283.