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Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Honorable Members of Judiciary My name is Margaret Craven, and Represent House District 93, which is part of Lewiston. I am here today in strong support of LD2283, an Act to Enact the Crisis intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

As most of you know, I'm from Lewiston, and I live a 1/2 mile away from the bowling alley that was involved in the mass shooting in Lewiston on October 25th, 2023. It is my opinion that if our law enforcement officers had at their disposal The Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Public, it would have prevented the carnage that happened in Lewiston.

So the question is, how does this bill work, and how would it have helped. It is intended to presumptibly disarm people who show worrying signs that they could be a danger to themselves or others. The shooter in Lewiston was showing signs of being dangerous. His family reported it, and some law enforcement personnel were aware. If this law was in place they would have had a vehicle to take him into protective custody.

The process for this legislation is when an authorized party petitions the court to temporarily remove firearms from someone they believe to be dangerous to themselves or others. An authorized party could be a family member, a law enforcement officer, an employer, or others. People ask me "How is your community coping with recovery? And my answer usually is: there is confusion, hurt, grief, loss, anger, fear, despair, economic stress, and mental health needs are elevated. People in this body have the power and the opportunity to prevent this kind of carnage from happening in your community.

Thank you for your attention.