

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney  
The Honorable Matt Moonen  
Members of the Judiciary Committee

DATE: April 5, 2024

RE: LD 2283 - An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety  
of the Public

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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and Distinguished and Honorable members of the Joint Judiciary Committee:

My name is Eden Zumbrun and I am a sophomore at Bowdoin College. I am here to support LD 2283, An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order Act to Protect the Safety of the Public.

I spent the majority of my years in school in China and it was not until I moved back to the United States for my sophomore year of high school that the issue of gun violence truly became salient. From lockdown drills and devastating headlines, this kind of violence became all too familiar to me and my peers.

Since coming to college in Maine, this concern has only become more concrete as we are forced to repeatedly reckon with events ranging from the numerous mass shootings on college campuses across the country to the tragedy in Lewiston last October.

College campuses are close-knit communities where students care deeply about one another. Over my last two years in Maine, I have developed close relationships with people both on campus and in the surrounding communities. The thought of losing anyone to gun violence is unbearable. My support for this bill is borne out of care and concern for these people and the desire to create systems to help minimize the risk of gun violence throughout the state.

Events involving gun violence are not unforeseen. This bill gives the people who are most likely to observe or notice these changes the ability to intervene to reduce the possibility of violence.

After spending last summer in Maine, I have seen, first hand, how much Mainers care for one another, especially in the face of tragedy. This bill gives family members an opportunity to intervene to protect their loved ones and will work in tandem with existing legislation to provide a variety of mechanisms for different groups to intervene if they suspect a dangerous change in someone's behavior.

Put simply, the people who care about you the most and know you the best should have the opportunity to intervene to protect you, and those around you, if they feel there is a legitimate reason for concern.

This bill is an important step in the direction of reducing gun violence in this state. I urge you to vote in favor of LD 2283 and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,  
Eden Zumbrun