

My name is Reverend Jeanette Good. I am from Falmouth.

Senator Carney and Representative Moonen, our esteemed Falmouth Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee, it is honor to speak briefly before you.

I have been a Pastor in the United Church of Christ with a specialty in mental health for nearly 45 years. I spent my professional life with people who were distraught and at risk of harming self and or others. In the 1980s when I was serving a church in Amherst, MA I received a call from a Boston psychiatrist saying that a client of his and a parishioner of mine had threatened to kill me and was coming to our worship service that Sunday morning. In fact, the client did come, walking down the center aisle and sat right in front of me. If this young man had carried a firearm not only, could I have been impulsively killed but there may have been a mass murder in our congregation.

When someone is threatening killing others and or self, they must not have access to firearms for the protection of our society and the protection of that person's life.

I urge you to support LD 2283, EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER. A yellow flag law is not enough. It is too cumbersome. EXTREME RISK PROTECTION ORDER is effective in de-escalating impulsive distraught individuals and protecting all members of our society.