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Testimony of Representative Amy D. Kuhn presenting

**LD 809, An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order
After Expiration of the Original Order**

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

Senator Carney, honorable members of the Judiciary Committee, as you know, I am Amy Kuhn, proudly serving House District 111, in the town of Falmouth. It is a pleasure to be with you today to introduce **LD 809, An Act to Allow a Motion to Extend a Protection from Abuse Order After Expiration of the Original Order**.

This bill would enable a court to grant a motion to extend an expired final protection from abuse order in two situations: if the court finds that the lateness of filing is reasonable based on the underlying circumstances or if the filing was not timely due to an inability to serve the defendant.

I am happy to take any questions, although individuals with further expertise in this area will follow to provide specific examples of instances when such extensions are essential to securing appropriate outcomes for survivors. I invite you to direct your questions to them.

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce this bill to the Committee.