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Testimony in Opposition to LD 208, LD 1230 and LD 1062

Good morning Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Committee.

I am Mary Voskian. I live in Bremen. I am a mother, a grandmother, a retired teacher and a board member of the Bremen Library. In each capacity, I have been involved with the education, needs, safety and well-being of others.

Gun safety issues have long been a great concern to me, and in the 1990s I became more active in promoting gun safety. I took part in what was billed as the Million Moms' March in Washington D.C. People were making their belief in gun safety laws known.

Over the years I have called, written, and visited my representatives. I have taken part in marches and demonstrations, and I have attended action and advocacy days here at the State House. Following the tragic shooting in Lewiston, I co-chaired a public forum in Lincoln County at which legislators, law enforcement, and gun safety organizations spoke about gun safety. When the new legislative session opened the following January, we arranged for a bus to transport concerned Lincoln County citizens to the State House to join other Maine citizens supporting gun safety legislation. And today I come before you, to testify in person.

I am a concerned citizen of Maine looking for my representatives to pass legislation and protect existing laws on gun safety and to take the safety of all of us into account.

I feel a responsibility to do as much as I can to ensure the safety of my family, library participants, and the young people who live with the threat of gun violence in their schools. I was surprised and extremely disappointed to learn that the 72-Hour Waiting Period and Background Check laws risk being repealed by new legislation in the form of these bills.

Given the threat to public safety that would be posed by LD 208 and LD 1230 and LD 1062, I urge you to vote against these bills.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.