

Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, my name is Jack Gabri and my name is Daisy Gabri and we live in Lewiston, Maine. We are here to testify in support of LD1425.

I like to go to the Maine Resiliency Center or MRC as we like to call it. Although, it's supposed to be about the shooting, it really helps get my mind off of the shooting. At the resiliency center we all have something we can relate about. Whether that's the bowling alley, the last time we were there or even the shooting if that's what we wanted to talk about. Usually when we talk about something we have an activity or snack so that it isn't all just chit chatting. And I can't forget about the amazing councilors Miss Kara and Miss Kate, but we just call them Kara and Kate. They've been so helpful on this journey of ours by being there and listening and helping provide crafts, snacks and activities for all of us. And it really helps me look forward to every Tuesday to come. Plus at least once or twice a month we have a game night where we can win prizes and have fun with friends. It just feels like a really big community is raising us up, if you know what I mean.

And what I like about the Maine Resiliency Center is that I get to see my friends every Tuesday night and we sometimes make up these mystery/adventure stories. We always have a fun time there and sometimes we meditate and it is so relaxing. We also do jump rope once in a while and when I'm there it makes me feel like I can be myself and be a kid, and I don't have to think about the bad thing that happened. When I'm having a bad Tuesday I always look forward to going there because it just turns my bad day around.

For these reasons, we urge you to vote for LD 1425. We are happy to answer questions if you have any.