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To: Senator Anne Carney, and Honorable members of the committee

From: Jessica Najera

Re: Testimony in Support of LD 22 An Act to Impede the Transfer of Firearms to Prohibited Persons

I am a teacher at Freeport High School and the parent of children in the Westbrook School System. I am writing as an educator and parent to urge you to vote ought to pass on LD 22.

The atmosphere in school right now is heavy. News of school shootings, local threats online causing school closings, and taking time away from academics to teach students and staff how to survive an active shooter has created a sad and chaotic learning environment. I want to go to work and send my children to school without being fearful for our safety. Passing this bill would make it more difficult for folks to get their hands on the guns that are used in crimes like these. Please consider using your power to protect Maine's children and educators.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Najera