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LD 1378

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Meredith Bruskin, and I am writing in support of LD 1376, known as the ERPO Act. Sandy Hook--Parkland--Lewiston. This alone should be enough to stir you to vote ought to pass for this Act. Our current law does not allow family members to take direct action when they know there is a risk of violence that could end up in tragedy like what happened in Lewiston. It will allow both families and law enforcement to petition a court for temporary restriction of someone's access to dangerous weapons when they are in crisis.

As an ER nurse for over a decade, I saw many tragic shootings I believe could have been avoided, if someone could have stepped in--including suicides. That " pause" can be life saving. This is a common sense proposal that has no down side as I see it--step up please to say we need sensible gun laws that save lives! Support LD 1378, support all Maine families. Thank you for your attention.