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LD 1378

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the Committee,  
I am in favor of the referendum bill, LD 1378. I believe the Extreme Risk Protection Order would save lives by allowing another layer of prevention; giving family and household members the option to appeal to the court when they see someone in crisis and at risk of doing violence. The commission on the Lewiston shooting's findings showed an ERPO could have helped prevent the tragic loss of life there. 21 other states have this gun safety law, including Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, right here in New England. This law would not negate the authority or ability of law enforcement to act lawfully in these matters. I find it reasonable to assume that household members would have important knowledge of their loved one's state of mind and should be trusted and allowed to participate in prevention of violence via an Extreme Risk Protection Order such as the proposed LD 1378.  
Thank you for your consideration.