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Honorable committee members:

I strongly urge you to send the ERPO to referendum; In my career as a Maine pediatrician, I can list tragedies that could have been prevented had an ERPO been in place. Firearms are now the leading cause of pediatric death. We must consider all situations, from domestic violence to teen suicide. Law abiding gun owners will be unaffected by this.

We need an ERPO. Red flags laws in other states have been proven to prevent

The time is NOW to send this to referendum.

Thank you!

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