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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the committee. My name is Ann Sawchuck and I live in Cumberland. I respectfully testify in support of LD 1378: An Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order. ERPOs empower family members to help a loved one, ERPOs have been used effectively to disarm people who threatened mass shootings including school shootings, ERPOs have been proven to reduce suicide, the leading cause of gun death in Maine. Maine's current yellow flag law is not an Extreme Risk Protection Order law. The ERPO citizen-initiated ballot measure, signed by over 80,000 Mainers, preserves identical due process protections to Maine's current law - any claim to the contrary is false. Therefore, I testify in favor of the ERPO citizen-initiated ballot referendum approved by over 80,000 Mainers and scheduled for vote this fall.