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LD 1378

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Deb Sewall, and I live in Hallowell. I respectfully testify in support of LD 1378: an Act to Protect Maine Communities by Enacting the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act.

This act would allow communities to improve the health and safety of our residents. People in crisis would be given time to get help before they do something terrible that could change their lives, the lives of their families, or in some cases, the lives of strangers, forever.

Maine's current law contains loopholes that have led to tragic consequences. Nearby states that have stronger extreme risk protection laws have had demonstrably fewer instances of firearm violence.

Thank you for your consideration and hard work on behalf of the people of Maine.