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RE: LD 1340 - *An Act to Prohibit the Sale or Possession of Rapid-fire Modification Devices*

Distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Gail Witherill and I am a resident of Cumberland. With the constant drumbeat of deaths by gun violence in our country, I find I must speak for LD 1340. One of the largest mass shootings -Las Vegas 2017-involved a fellow with multiple guns equipped with bump stocks- who killed 60 people and seriously injured many more. Many of the injured now live in wheelchairs as they can no longer walk, have feeding tubes as their alimentary canal was ravished by bullets, and/or have to endure pain on a daily basis due to the damage in their bodies. Bump stocks maximize the number of dead and wounded.

Vote this bill OTP. Mainers deserve to be safe, and not subject to these firearm additions that are meant for only one thing.....mass killing.

Sincerely,

Gail Witherill
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