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LD 1340

Testimony of Erin Gilligan before the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee
in SUPPORT of 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 Erin Gilligan and I am a resident of North Yarmouth. When I heard my son's daycare was under lockdown due to an active shooter down the road from my house, I was a wreck and devastated that our government does not protect us. That weapons of mass murder are legal in this country allows for this most primal fear that our children and their caregivers could be shot to death to have merit.

Guns equipped with bump stocks were used in the largest and deadliest mass shooting in modern American history in 2017 in Las Vegas, in which 60 people were shot and killed. These weapon accessories serve no other purpose than to increase the rate of fire to maximize the number of dead and wounded – this is not necessary for any sport or hunting.

Thank you for your time and consideration. This is not a matter of freedom – the freedom to own guns is not at question here, it is a matter of safety and common sense.

Sincerely,
Erin Gilligan