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Dear members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee,

My name is Jeff Russell and I am a resident of Scarborough. As a dedicated citizen and father of young children, I am deeply concerned about the issues that LD 1340 seeks to address.

Of all of the problems in the world and in our country, this is the absolute lowest of low-hanging fruit. We are talking about a common sense measure to marginalize products that have no other use than to bring unnecessarily deadly weaponry into our society.

Just after many of the mass shootings occur in our country, the satirical news publication The Onion publishes a very non-satirical comment, which sums up the issue very well:

"No way to prevent this,' says the only nation where this regularly happens."

Bump stocks and related accessories are not needed (and in fact are counterproductive) for hunters. They serve no other purpose than to increase the rate of fire to maximize the number of dead and wounded.

They have, in fact, been used in the deadliest shootings in modern U.S. history. This limitation should be supported by any person who cares about Mainers and their future.

Thank you for your consideration.