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Dear Judiciary Committee Members,

I urge you to support LD 2086 to ban the sale of bump stocks and other devices that increase the rate of fire of semi-automatic guns to the rate of fire of machine guns. I also urge you to amend this bill to include a ban on the sale of assault weapons in Maine.

Gun violence is out of control, in our state and country. There is no reason why civilians should own military-style weapons. The proliferation of these guns has made our communities less safe, and it is affecting the daily life of average Mainers. I worry about gun violence when I go to work in the school where I teach, and when I attend religious services. I find myself wondering where I would take cover if someone should start shooting in my local grocery store. Please, do your part to limit the spread of these weapons.

Thank you for listening. Shoshana Hoose 65 McAuley Way Unit 503 Portland 04103