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LD 2086

Testimony in support of LD 2086 (with amendment)

Dear honorable members of the Committee on Judiciary:

My name is David Bilski, and I live in New Harbor, Maine. I wish to submit this written testimony in support of LD 2086 (with amendment) because it represents reasonable steps to increase gun safety here in Maine. We all know that Maine is far behind other states in what steps have been taken to increase gun safety, and we need to step-up now and improve our laws. This bill (LD 2086 with amendment) is one such improvement, and the amendment to ban “bump stocks” is crucial. I also believe that we need to do more along these lines, specifically establishing a ban on assault-style weapons and a ban on high-capacity magazines. What happened in Lewiston should be more proof than anyone should want in order to demonstrate the need for such bans. Many states have already passed these safety laws, so Maine has forfeited its aspiration to lead (“Dirigo”); but we can at least follow their efforts and show that we care about the safety of our communities. Please support LD 2086 (with amendment); and should you have the opportunity to support bans on assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines, I urge you to do so. These bans should have been included in this bill.

Thank you very much.

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