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Honorable Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and members of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Rev. Christine Dyke, I am Lead Minister at First Parish Church UCC in Gorham. I ask you to support LD2086 and its aim to decrease the availability of conversion kits for semi-automatic guns and the complete destruction of firearms seized in a crime.

The incredible availability of assault style weapons and the conversion kits of guns into automatic weapons has been a disturbing trend since the national assault weapons ban was not reinstated. There is no need in a democratic society, or any society, for the ownership of assault style weapons of war by the public. Their presence has left so many people without their loved ones, and with the grim task of identifying loved ones after their bodies were shattered by such weapons.

Those who seek to do harm cannot have their misguided and destructive purpose made any easier and any deadlier.

Please also support the total destruction of forfeited firearms so that no one can profit from what was used for harm.

I urge you to pass LD 2086 and make Maine a safer place.

Thank you

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