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LD 2086

Dear members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Cathy Harris and I live in Mechanic Falls. I am writing to show my support for LD 2086. As a mother, grandmother and retired teacher I am deeply concerned with the increase in gun violence in our state especially following the mass shooting in Lewiston, only ten miles from my home. Sadly it did happen in our state and unfortunately we became a static.

The weapons used in most mass shootings are assault rifles with high capacity magazines. These firearms allow the shooter to fire at more targets at a faster rate and the wounds inflicted are usually fatal. Adding devices like "bump stocks" turns the assault gun into an even more deadly weapon.

In the interest of public safety devices like bump stocks need to be prohibited but I believe it should go further and that assault weapons with high capacity magazines should also be prohibited. The incident in Lewiston was tragic and frightening, but sadly it may not be the last mass shooting in Maine. Mass shootings occur somewhere in our country almost daily. As a grandmother and retired teacher I am terrified that the next target might be a school.

I support this bill because we need to do all we can to prevent another tragedy like the incident in Lewiston in October. I urge you to vote "ought to pass"

Thank you