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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Moonen and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. My name is Philomena Ostapchuk and I live in Newcastle, ME. I am testifying regarding this bill as a concerned community member, as a member of the Maine Unitarian Universalist State Advocacy Network, and most importantly, as a grandmother of two very young Maine citizens. I want for them, and all children in Maine, safe and stress free environments for learning and playing as they grow up and take advantage of all of what we have here in Maine. I ask that you vote, ought to pass.

The shooting that occurred in Lewiston has brought to our Maine doorsteps the horror of gun violence. I sympathize and empathize with the families who have lost loved ones in this senseless act of violence. A violence made more horrific by the use of firearms that should not be in the public venue. I am in favor of the proposed changes for the disposition of forfeited firearms. And, I would like to see more than the restriction of access to purchasing materials to modify pre-existing guns to machine guns. Let's also get behind the prohibition of sales of firearms that Maine State Senator Angus King has proposed in his federal bill.

Thank you for listening.
Respectfully submitted,
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