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Testimony for Amendment LD.2086

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I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND WOULD LIKE IT TO DO MORE!!!!

I am 63 years old. I am an independent voter. I am a licensed clinical social worker. I have two son's that have served in the military. I feel people have the right to own guns. However, despite living in "safe" communities all of my life I still have personally been affected by gun violence. Maybe you remember these incidents yourself:

December 30, 1996 My neighbor and Godson's niece
Shannon Lowney age 25.

C. Salvi, III

where she

November 4, 2015
their

daughter witnessed

this as she

lives in Florida.

She was shot in the neck and died instantly by John
at a Planned Parenthood clinic in the Boston area
worked as an interpreter and receptionist.

My good friend's son, girlfriend and her sister were killed in

home in Oakland, Maine. Their three-year-old

the event. She continues to be deeply affected by

mature. I continue to support my friend who now

I travel down to spend a week with her on the anniversary of

her son's death. It has been nine years.

October 25, 2023
lockdown.

more emotional

Lewiston, Maine shooting. My family and I had to be in

My grandchildren had to miss days of school and suffer

upheaval due to a hideous act of violence.

The citizens of Maine young and old alike do not need any type of weapon that was designed for the battlefield or equipment that can make a gun machine gun ready. No one has a need to have a gun that shoots 45 rounds or more! of ammunition in under a minute. We only need to look at the history of mass killings in our country to know this. How awful it was for the mass shooting at an elementary school in Newton Connecticut did not stop this madness. How devastating that we let it continue due to politics.

There is no other reason that this in fact does continue. This is not about one's right to own a gun. Have your gun (s) but, once again you do not need an instrument or accessories that make it a piece of military equipment. My sons who are veterans tell me that weapons in the military are treated with respect of the power they have. When using them on the base they have to always be accounted for and locked up when they are done with drills and war exercises. Why in the public sector are we not doing this? Why are we allowing untrained civilians to have such access to such deadly force?

I once heard a saying that I have often used in my professional capacity as a social worker. With so many problems facing us it is easy to lay blame or just pass the issue on to someone else. So, who is responsible for stopping this madness? For ending the

endless flood of easy to install devices that turn semi-automatic rifles into machine guns?

This is the saying:

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROBLEM? IT IS THE LAST PERSON WHO COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

You see it is now the legislatures turn to **DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT**. Writing to you all today was my taking responsibility to share my voice my opinion to you. You all have the power to do something good for the state of Maine.

In the Lewiston shooting people say everyone was looking to “blame” someone. I say everyone was looking for someone to take responsibility for what happened. You see there were many times and many **ORGANIZATIONS, INDIVIDUALS** who could have been the last person to have done something about it.

WE ALL ARE FAILING AND IT HAS TO STOP. Start with banning the equipment that changes the guns to be assault rifles then move on to BANNING ASSAULT WEAPONS. THEY DO NOT BELONG IN COMMUNITIES. THEY BELONG ON THE BATTLEFIELD

I appreciate in advance your time in reading this statement.

SINCERELY,

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