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LD 953

I'm contacting you in support of LD 953 - An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine Criminal Code.

Federal law: Section 5845(b) of the NFA defines "machinegun" as "any weapon which shoots, is designed to shoot, or can be readily restored to shoot, automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger.

The U.S. Constitution declares that federal law is "the supreme law of the land." As a result, when a federal law conflicts with a state or local law, the federal law will supersede the other law or laws.

This bill would align Maine's definition of a "machine gun" with that of the federal definition, and removes any confusion regarding commonly used hunting rounds such as bird shot and buck shot that for some could be construed as "multiple shots per pull of the trigger.

I urge the committee to vote "Ought To Pass" on LD 953.