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Please vote "Ought Not to Pass" on this proposal.

This is a direct copy of last year's ill-conceived proposal that was vetoed by Governor Mills.

This proposal makes no legal, safety, or ethical sense, as it pointlessly tries to define "machine gun" more broadly and impermissibly vaguely than federal law does. The basically random included prohibitions – which the proposal notes are only examples, are banned not based on any threat to public safety, but on a cultural impetus to squeeze the gun community as much as possible – as if the 2nd Amendment and the 16th section of the Maine constitution are some kind of second class constitutional right, to be circumscribed in any possible way, without rhyme or reason.

Federal law already covers the definition of "machine gun" – that's worked in Maine for close to a century. This proposal, frankly, was drafted by people who don't understand how guns work, or what makes them effective weapons. Maine's law abiding Gun Owners deserve better.

Thank You.