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Re: LD 1109, An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 1109.

I support this bill because it addresses in a strategic, narrow and effective way the dramatic increase in mass shootings we have experienced through our country, including in Maine in my lifetime. Other states have led the way already with similar bills. States with magazine capacity limited experience mass shootings at half the rate compared to states without such restrictions. There is currently no federal restriction.

It gives Maine residents with such feeding devices 180 days to comply which is highly reasonable.

I never thought twice about mass shootings as a child, but my grandchildren need to go through training to know how to react if their respective schools are attacked by a gunman. Too many school mass shootings involve gunmen with large-capacity magazines and ammunition feeding devices (such as at Sandy Hook). How horrible is that?

In sum, this bill provides for a commonsense restriction on how many rounds a gunman can fire before having to pause to reload.

Thank you for considering my appeal. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 1109.

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