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Re: LD 677, An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device

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 677.

This bill will bolster public safety and prevent gun violence in Maine by prohibiting rapid fire devices and machine gun conversion devices that accelerate semi-automatic guns' normal rate of fire or even turn a gun into a fully automatic firearm. These devices are too often the mechanisms by which mass shootings take place. Auto sears and Glock switches are cheap to make, even 3-d printed or shipped from China. Maine already bans the possession of machine guns, except for law enforcement and military personnel. Through LD 677, Maine can address the devices themselves rather than wait until they are attached to a firearm.

Although the federal law outlaws some machine gun conversion and rapid-fire devices, it does not cover all of them. As for those that federal law does cover, state law enforcement agencies and state prosecutors are not able to enforce federal law on their own and instead must work with federal prosecutors to bring charges.

Thus, LD 677 narrowly focuses on the State prohibition of rapid-fire devices and machinegun conversion devices that accelerate semi-automatic guns' normal rate of fire or even turn a gun into a fully automatic firearm. Such will make for a safer Maine and prevent gun violence.

Thank you for considering my appeal. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 677.

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