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I VERY STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD677, An Act to update the statutory definition of "Machine Gun" and prohibit possession of a rapid-fire device. First of all, the Wikipedia definition of a machine gun is, "a fully automatic firearm and rifled firearm designed for sustained direct fire with rifle cartridges." I didn't see any reference to the fact that the key is "rifle cartridges" in the definition. Automatic firearms like shotguns are not considered machine guns. also, submachine guns fire handgun cartridges rather than rifle cartridges and are not considered machine guns. Automatic firearms fire that shot 20mm or more are called autocannons, not machine guns. The point is that this piece of legislation is flawed and needs to not pass. Therefore, I VEY STRONGLY URGE you to vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS on LD677. Thank you!