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LD 1109

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the committee.

As a Mainer resident, I am testifying in favor of LD 1109 “An act prohibiting the possession of large capacity magazines and ammunition feeding devices.”

I am a retiree after a career mostly in healthcare, the daughter of a WW2 vet who hunted, with my brother, on our farm with ordinary shotguns, and fellow Mainer asking for laws to keep weapons of war out of our Maine communities. Too many communities, including in New England, have been deeply scarred by rapid fire devices such as bump stocks, and machine-gun conversion devices. Some of these devices enable a shooter to fire up to 1,200 rounds per minute. These rapid-fire guns, together with large capacity magazines (LD1109), and a shooter has fire power to decimate any community gathering and threaten police. I believe there is no legitimate civilian use of these killing weapons.

I spent most all of my career working in healthcare, including a public trauma hospital and not-for-profit hospitals. I strongly believe that Gun Safety is a major public health issue and that we Mainers must take wise action to prevent gun massacres in Maine.

Please support this critical bill and help our communities be safer - thank you for your diligence and dedication.