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LD 1109

As a native Maine resident and avid firearms enthusiast, this bill will not have any effect on violent crime, nor will it protect lives. Magazine capacity has nothing to do with how dangerous a firearm is, and restricting magazine capacity will only serve to hinder lawful firearm owners from enjoying the hobby and from defending their lives. I, and every other firearm owner I know, do not support this bill nor any other restrictions on firearms or firearm accessories. Firearms and firearm accessories, as well as all other forms of arms, are a constitutionally protected right under the Second Amendment to the Bill of Rights. As such, wholesale banning of firearms or firearm accessories is a constitutional infringement. Additionally, this bill is biased against civilian firearm owners, as it has specific exemptions for law enforcement officers and military members - who would still be allowed to own standard capacity magazines under this law.

In summary: LD 1109, as well as any other law or restriction on the ownership and/or usage of firearms and firearm accessories, is a violation of the constitution. It is an unfair bill that will not do anything to prevent violent crime, and will only serve to make criminals of currently law-abiding gun owners who have done nothing wrong other than own standard capacity magazines. I do not support this bill, and I ask that my representatives vote against it.