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LD 1109

Chairpersons and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1109, “An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices” and LD 1126, “An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms.”

Once again, we are witnessing yet another attempt at unconstitutional gun control—another infringement on the rights of law-abiding Maine citizens. Both of these bills are a direct violation of our Maine Constitutional rights, specifically Article 1, Section 16, which states:

"To keep and bear arms. Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."

Maine is the safest state in the nation. These proposed laws will do nothing to make us safer. Instead, they punish responsible gun owners and chip away at our fundamental liberties. I firmly oppose any legislation that seeks to undermine the constitutional rights of Maine citizens.

It is worth noting that both federal and state gun control measures, along with ATF “rules,” are continuously being challenged in court. We are seeing the restoration of Second Amendment protections, making it clear that unconstitutional gun control efforts have no place in our state or nation.

Furthermore, LD 1109 is simply a repackaged version of previously defeated legislation—namely, LD 1071 from the 129th Maine Legislature (“An Act To Prohibit the Sale of High-capacity Magazines”). Its defeat was justified then, and it should be rejected once again.

In closing, I urge you to defend the constitutional rights of Maine citizens by voting “ought not to pass” on both LD 1109 and LD 1126.

Thank you for your time and consideration.