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I oppose this bill. This bill broadens the definition of "machine gun" to include parts or combinations of parts that could potentially convert a firearm into an automatic weapon, even if those parts are not yet assembled into a functioning machine gun. By expanding the scope in this manner, the bill creates significant uncertainty and could criminalize the possession of certain firearm parts or accessories that are not inherently dangerous on their own. This could unfairly target gun owners who possess legal firearm components without any intent to create or use a machine gun. Additionally, the bill may lead to unnecessary legal penalties for law-abiding citizens who may unknowingly possess parts that could be interpreted as "machine gun" components under the new, broader definition. Critics argue that the bill imposes undue restrictions on responsible firearm owners and may create an overreach in the regulation of legally owned firearms and parts.