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Testimony in Support of LD 1109 “An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large Capacity Magazines and Ammunition Feeding Devices”

To: Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, and Members of the Committee,

I write because too many lives have been lost to gun violence. I am in strong support of LD 1109 because it will save lives and it does not infringe upon the Second Amendment. Large capacity ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds serve no practical purpose and the shootings with the greatest number of casualties often include such large capacity magazines (Maine Gun Safety Coalition).

My husband, sons, and grandchildren all hunt and I prepare what is harvested for our meals. We are grateful for the food provided. There is no hunting purpose consistent with Maine’s long standing hunting traditions for these sorts of large capacity magazines to be used.

This bill allows enough time for compliance with the law and includes common sense exemptions. Help our law enforcement and prosecutors in their efforts to keep our communities safe **by supporting LD 1109**, as the research has indicated an association in the reduction in gun fatalities and injuries when states have laws prohibiting large capacity magazines (Maine Gun Safety Coalition).

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of LD 1109 in your efforts to ensure the safety of all people in Maine.

Respectfully submitted,

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