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To the Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety,

My name is Sam Herriot, and I am a resident of Auburn. I am submitting this testimony in strong support of LD 677.

Like so many in our community, I was deeply impacted by the mass shooting in Lewiston. That tragedy reinforced what many of us already know—there is no place for machine guns or rapid-fire devices in civilian hands. These weapons are designed for war, not for our streets, businesses, or gathering places. Their ability to inflict mass harm in seconds makes them a clear danger to public safety.

Updating Maine's laws to reflect the reality of modern firearm modifications is a necessary step to protect our communities. By closing loopholes that allow rapid-fire devices to skirt existing regulations, this bill prioritizes safety without infringing on responsible gun ownership.

I urge you to support LD 677 and take this step toward preventing future tragedies in our state. Thank you for your time and consideration.