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LD 1109

I strongly urge the Judiciary Committee to reject LD 1109: An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices. Like many other proposed laws, this will do absolutely nothing to reduce violence or crime in our state. As all know (including the sponsors of this bill), there is no such thing as violence committed by inanimate objects, whether firearms, vehicles, or egg beaters. Violence is committed by individuals or groups who have decided to act outside of our moral, civil, and social boundaries. Those individuals usually have long and documented criminal or medical histories before they arrive at the decision to commit violence of this kind. We should focus our time and energy on getting to the roots of how someone progresses to this point, and how that may be addressed, not vilifying inanimate objects. There is much more to say on this subject, but I trust that the Judiciary Committee has at least a rudimentary understanding of the root causes of criminal or deviant mental health behavior.

Thank you for your service to our State.