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LD 1126

Testimony before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, LD 1126, An Act to Update Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" & Prohibit Possession of Rapid-Fire Devices, March 26, 9:35am.

Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn and Members of the Committee:
Thank you all for your hard and vital work to reduce gun violence in Maine via this bill.

My name is Roy Smoot, a Kennebunk resident, and I'm providing my written testimony as an individual to support the above noted act which has been brought before your committee this morning. My older brother was murdered late at night as he walked home by his killer who used a hand-gun. Our family has tasted gun violence as have many in Maine and in our country.

Unregistered "ghost guns" are our country's fastest growing weapon used by ill-intentioned people to carry out robberies, drive-by shootings, murders and other gun related acts. Their use also endangers our law enforcement officers who risk their lives every day to protect and serve us, including all of you.

One of your many constitutional responsibilities is to protect Maine's citizens from such violence as much as possible.

Thank you for supporting LD 1126 and moving it to our legislative chambers for their votes to approve this common sense gun violence legislation to save Maine lives.