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LD 677

Testimony before the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, LD 677, 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.

Bumpstocks and similar gun accessories have been used to carry out massacres of innocent people and have no place in our state, communities, towns and villages. To turn a gun or long rifle into a "machine gun" violates laws which ban such weapons. Users want to use such accessories and slip by "machine gun" prohibition laws on this technicality.

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

Thank you for supporting LD 677 and moving it to our legislative chambers for their votes to approve this common sense gun violence legislation to save Maine lives.