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LD 1126

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Joshua Jacques, a resident of Sidney, Maine, and I vehemently oppose LD 1126, "An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms." This bill unconstitutionally burdens the Second Amendment, which enshrines not only the right to bear arms but also the long-standing American tradition of building one's own firearms for personal use—a practice dating back to the Founding era and affirmed as a core component of self-defense rights. The Supreme Court has made clear in *District of Columbia v. Heller* (2008) and *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022) that the Second Amendment is not a second-class right, yet LD 1126 treats it as such by imposing serial number mandates that would never be tolerated akin to prior restraint on First Amendment freedoms—like requiring registration numbers on printing presses or banning untraceable books. This legislation stifles law-abiding Mainers' liberty, lacks historical grounding, and fails to address actual criminal misuse, instead targeting a fundamental right with bureaucratic overreach. I urge you to reject LD 1126 and respect the Constitution's clear protections. Thank you for your consideration.