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LD 677

I am writing in support of LD 677: An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of 'Machine Gun' and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device. I am a retired Maine teacher, thankful that I made it to retirement without having a mass shooting occur in my school — not that I didn't spend hours of my and my student's time preparing and rehearsing for such an event. Note that this LD is an update. Maine law already knows that machine guns are dangerous and bans certain weapons with attachments that convert them into rapid-fire devices. LD 677 updates the definition, to include bump stocks and machine-gun conversion kits, like autosears and switches. The terrible mass shootings that plague America are characterized by the use of weapons that can fire up to 1200 rounds per minute. We need to stop their use. And we need to do it here in Maine — as more than 20 other states have done — without relying on the Federal government. We need to take care of ourselves and empower our own law enforcement and prosecutors without expecting that the federal government will solve our problems for us. Please vote yes on LD 677.