

LD 1126 An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Peter Morgan, I live in Raymond, Maine and I have become very concerned about the impact of firearms on our community.

Through my life experience I have made efforts to support my community and our law enforcement agencies. When a military obligation confronted me, I enlisted for four years in a humanitarian service to provide search and rescue missions and maintenance of aids to navigation. When we moved to neighborhoods in Philadelphia and Atlanta I took opportunities to join neighborhood watches and participate during police department patrol ride-a-long assignments.

Registering firearms does not impede any individual's possession of the weapon, unless he or she has some prior legal conflict. As I understand the process, registration will not lead to confiscation unless the weapon or individual has been involved with a crime. I can't realistically imagine how the process restricts any legitimate rights and offers necessary information in solving crimes in our community.

If I needed a firearm, I would ensure it could be identified if it would assist law enforcement.

I encourage members of the Committee to assist law enforcement by voting OUGHT TO PASS this legislation.