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LD 677

Senator Carney, Representative Kuh, and Members of the Committee,
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"

Current Maine law generally prohibits machine guns. However, it does not cover
conversion devices that convert semi-automatic weapons into a fully automatic
firearm.

LD.677 would update Maine law to include conversion devices (Bump stocks, Glock
switches, and Auto sears) in the definition of "machine gun" and bring state law in
line with federal law, under which conversion devices are considered machine guns.
Though Federal law does ban some rapid-fire devices it is currently insufficient and a
state ban would enable Maine law enforcement to directly address
Innovations by the gun industry have resulted in a flood of these easy to install
conversion devices that turn semi-automatic weapons into fully-automatic machine
guns.

These weapons were created for deadly battlefield purposes. They are designed and
equipped with features that enable mass killing, including sustained, high-volume
rapid fire shooting at large numbers of people in a short period of time. They are
most often used in mass shootings and can morally wound a lot people quickly. By
this description they have no place in society.

This legislation on conversion devices is just a start toward making Maine a safer
place.

I urge you to support LD 677