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LD 677

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the committee:

My name is Michelle Fortier-Oosterman and I live in Lyman, Maine. I am a recently retired school social worker and LCSW in the State of Maine.

In the matter of LD 677, Rapid Fire Modification Device Ban, I stand in support.

There is no reasonable need for a gun to be upgraded to machine gun capability in a democratic country. Technology has continued to create more ways to increase the lethality of guns. This bill addresses concerns expressed by Governor Mills in a previous bill. Hunting is a long-standing tradition in Maine and this bill does nothing to impede that right. What it does do is create parity with all other firearms.

We must continue to close loopholes used to impede gun safety and citizen safety. We must continue to support law enforcement in protecting citizens. We must continue to oppose the use of weapons primarily used to take human life in our communities.

Thank you. For your consideration and time on this vital safety issue.

Sincerely,

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