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LD 1126

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 1126, the Serialization of All Firearms and Prohibition of Undetectable Firearms, I stand in support.

This law is currently in effect federally, but we have all seen in the news that the Federal laws can change and need to be reinforced at the State level to be effective. It is important for law enforcement to be able to trace guns used in a crime. It is my understanding that law enforcement can only trace a gun that has been at a crime scene. The unfinished frames and receivers, easily completed at home, and 3D printers, have changed the nature of gun availability. These strategies are favored for criminal activity, especially by those unable to pass a background check.

We must continue to close loopholes used to impede gun safety and citizen safety. We must continue to support law enforcement in protecting citizens.

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

Sincerely,

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