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LD 1109

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and distinguished members of the committee,

My name is Nina Trowbridge and I am a resident of Cape Elizabeth. I am writing in support of LD 1109, An Act to reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices.

As a mother of a high school student who currently participates in school shooting drills every semester, literally preparing to face rapid fire slaughter in his high school classroom, and as a physician who has worked in VA hospitals and trained in a New York City hospital in Washington Heights at the peak of that neighborhood's history of violent crime, I feel deeply and personally that devices and mechanisms whose sole design is to facilitate the rapid maiming and slaughter of other humans should not be allowed in our state. Fear of mass carnage should not be a part of our day to day lives in Maine. States with laws banning these large capacity ammunition devices have half the mass casualty gun tragedies as states without this law. There are exemptions in this bill for active duty military and law enforcement, as well as other points allowing the reasonable and balanced application of this law. Banning large capacity ammunition devices is an effective, reasonable, and vital avenue toward preventing gun violence in Maine. Please vote to pass LD 1109.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.