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Hello, i am writing in opposition to LD 1109 banning high capacity magazines. My issue is that it creates an unfair and potentialy deadly advantage to the criminals in a home invasion. Most home invasions are committed by groups of people. This magazine limitation hampers an effective defense against multiple assailants. As a veteran, i understand the importance of using every advantage in a confrontation to win. This will negate that and endanger lives.

In addition, as this bill is written, hundreds of Mainers would become criminals over night. There is no clause to protect those that own them. Or even those that own a tube fed 22 which typically holds 14 rounds. To do so, would be effectively destroying the rifle (possibly a family heirloom).

There are currently thousands of magazines in this state holding more than 10 rounds. Very few are actually used in crimes. But as there are so many, this is effectively unenforcible unless the legislature is authorizing law enforcement to start searching individual homes. This would be a Constitutional violation.