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My name is Barbara Arsenault and I am from Mexico, Maine. I live in a firearm owning household and grew up in a family with a strong tradition of hunting. I am submitting testimony for passage of LD 1126. I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

With the advent of 3D printers and the increase of ghost guns I believe the serialization of such firearms are in order. I do not believe that going to a firearms dealer to get a serial number engraved and getting a background check causes an undue hardship on the firearms owner. The hunters in my rural area welcome safety precautions.

I am concerned about the increase of unserialized firearms found in crime scenes in Maine from 25 to 41 in a span of six years according to the ATF.

Serialization helps law enforcement do their jobs. Approximately 6 years ago a Rumford fireman showed up at a fire and with focusing on the task at hand he did not lock his truck. His firearm was stolen from his glove compartment and used in a crime in Massachusetts 24 hours later. It is important to provide law enforcement with tools for their important jobs.

Thank you for your time.