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LD 677

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Committee:

My name is Deborah Crump, I am a resident of West Paris and I am testifying in support of LD 677, An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device. I am very concerned about the proliferation of such devices, which if used as intended could kill many people in a matter of seconds. As a Unitarian Universalist who is a person of faith, I abhor violence. Our communities deserve to live and thrive in peace. While Maine already restricts use of guns with certain rapid-fire devices, it makes sense to me that the devices themselves should be banned before being attached to a gun.

I ask this committee to support this commonsense, important piece of legislation. Thank you for your time and work on the issue of gun violence. We must do more to protect our communities and put an end to this public health crisis.