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LD 1126

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 1126 - An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms. As a Unitarian Universalist, I am motivated to promote the sanctity of life as a person of faith. While Maine has recently enacted some legislation to prevent gun violence, too many guns fall through the cracks because they are not traceable. I also worry that such guns could get into the hands of children and teens because background checks are impossible because of the lack of regulation. The daughter of a friend killed herself with a gun in her home and I feel strongly we should increase the barriers to the acquisition of guns.

No one law can stop all tragedies, but there are critical steps we can take now that will make a difference and save lives. We must do more to protect all Mainers and put an end to the easy availability of guns. Thank you for your work on this important issue.