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LD 953

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney
Representative Kuhn
Members of the Judiciary Committee
DATE: March 26, 2025
RE: LD 953: An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine
Criminal Code

Good morning, Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,

My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland. I have been closely following the progress of the Maine's Gun Safety Legislation, and I am testifying in opposition of LD 953.

The definition proposed in this bill does not align with federal law and is actually much narrower. We need thorough and expansive gun safety legislation, and this bill would not do this.

Instead, I urge you to consider the definition proposed in LD 677, which is much closer to that of the federal law and would include dangerous devices that can convert a firearm into an automatic weapon. LD 953 would not keep Maine safe from dangerous, rapid fire modification devices.

While I appreciate the attempt to redefine the meaning of "machine gun," I think we can do much better, especially since a better definition has already been proposed.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 953.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Emilia Toth
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