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LD 1126

Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

My Name is Mary Ellen Quinn. I live in Winterport. I serve as Co-Coordinator of the Catholic Peace and Justice movement, Pax Christi Maine. I am testifying today in strong support of LD 1126, An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms.

As people of faith who practice Christian Nonviolence, our Pax Christi members statewide, believe that allowing the sale of untraceable guns which can be assembled at home by persons of any age is unacceptable and unsafe practice. Important safety and security precautions are sidestepped without going through a background check or following any other state or federal laws around gun purchases.

It is well known that ghost guns are being used in mass shootings at schools by students. This practice places all involved in harms way, lives are lost and young people are irreparably harmed. Please vote 'ought to pass' on LD 1126 to reduce gun violence and provide a safer Maine for our children and families. Thank you.