

To: The Judiciary Committee

Subject: LD 677 An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device & LD 953 An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine Criminal Code.

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- Any combination of parts from which a machinegun can be assembled if such parts are in the possession or under the control of a person.

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Both bills are just examples of legislative assaults on our Constitutional rights to keep and bear arms under both the federal and state Constitutions needs to stop!

I urge this committee to vote "**OUGHT NOT TO PASS**" on LD677 An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device & An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine Criminal Code.

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