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Thank you for the opportunity to address the judicial committee.

My name is Liz Moore, and I am a resident of Kittery, Maine. I am offering written testimony in support of LD 677. I urge the committee to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 677.

Gun ownership and gun safety are not conflicting ideals; common sense laws allowing Mainers to exercise their Second Amendment rights can exist with gun laws that increase public safety.

Prohibiting the use of rapid-fire devices is a measure that allows Mainers to simultaneously keep up our long history of bearing arms while making it more difficult to possess the tools used in horrific mass shootings rampant in our country. LD 677 affords law enforcement another legal tool to keep Mainers safer from such terrible tragedies.

Use of a rapid-fire device or machine gun conversion device has been used in many mass shootings across our country. Mainers deserve to feel safe from rapid-fire guns in our communities; we should not be afraid to go to the grocery stores, visit places of worship, go bowling, or send our children to school.

Ownership of such devices is unnecessary for Mainers who hunt or go to the gun range. I urge the committee to weigh the benefits to public safety over economic loss for a few.

Our state can still allow Mainers to enjoy gun ownership rights while having gun regulations that take into account the greater public's safety. I urge the committee to vote to update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-Fire Device.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.