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Senator Anne Carney, Chair
Representative Amy Kuhn, Chair
Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

Re: *L.D. 1126, An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, my name is Aaron Frey, I live in Bangor, and I have the privilege to serve as Maine's Attorney General. I am here to testify in Support of L.D. 1126, *An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms*.

This bill would help ensure that firearms possessed by individuals in our state are imprinted with serial numbers. Serial numbers are critical in allowing law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to identify and trace guns used in crimes and help prevent illegal gun trafficking. There is no legitimate reason to possess a gun not bearing a serial number.

The bill would also make it unlawful to manufacture, import, sell, or transfer an undetectable firearm. Essentially, these are firearms that are made from materials that make them undetectable by metal detectors and x-ray machines used in airports and in some schools, courthouses, and other public buildings. I am not aware of any legitimate need for a person to have a firearm that cannot be detected by standard security measures. And the safety risk posed by such weapons is obvious.

Ensuring that guns in our state are detectable and traceable is a common-sense regulation in the interest of public safety and does not impinge on any protected right. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aaron M. Frey'.

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