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LD 677

Dear members of the Committee,

I am Susan Payne. I live in Cape Elizabeth and am retired.

I am urging you to approve LD 677. I want Maine to do everything possible to prevent mass shootings like the one in Lewiston and so many other cities and towns in the US. I believe this bill will help accomplish that.

Rapid fire devices and machinegun conversion devices can greatly accelerate a semiautomatic gun's normal rate of fire, or even turn a gun into a fully automatic firearm. Rapid fire devices such as bump stocks, and machinegun conversion devices such as autosears and switches, have been used in mass shootings and other horrific incidents of gunfire across the country, including in New England. Some of these devices enable a shooter to fire up to 1,200 rounds per minute. Over 20 states have passed laws to ban some or all of these, including states like Louisiana, Indiana, and Florida. Maine already recognizes the danger of machineguns that fire dozens of rounds in rapid

succession. Current Maine law bans weapons that have certain devices attached to firearms. State lawmakers should directly address the sale and proliferation of these devices themselves, rather than just wait until they are attached to a firearm.

Thank you for your consideration.