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TO: The Honorable Anne Carney Representative Kuhn Members of the Judiciary Committee DATE:March 26, 2025 RE:LD 1126: An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms

Good morning, Senator Carney and Representative Kuhn,

My name is Emilia Toth. I'm a resident of Portland. I have been closely following the progress of the Maine's Gun Safety Legislation, and I am testifying in support of LD 1126.

This bill would ensure that Maine residents will be protected regardless of any future developments of gun legislation at the federal level, and law enforcement will be fully equipped to investigate and trace crime guns while respecting the Second Amendment. Reforms should aim to allow for the manufacture of a firearm, frame, or receiver, including by a 3D printer, provided the firearm is promptly engraved with a federal serial number by a federal firearm licensee. Creating these products while circumventing serialization requirements should be prohibited.

These regulations would hold unserialized firearm products to the same standards as all other guns in Maine. They can help ensure this crisis does not undo the progress that Maine has made in protecting its residents and preventing gun violence while respecting Constitutional guarantees.

The existence of unserialized firearms is especially dangerous in a state like Maine, which took important steps in the wake of the mass shooting in Lewiston to strengthen its gun laws. In 2024, Maine expanded background checks to prevent people who are legally disqualified from buying firearms — and more often than not, these same people often turn to unserialized firearm products as an alternative.

I am glad that our state lawmakers have stepped up to introduce state bills that would strengthen gun safety and protections in our state. I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 1126.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Emilia Toth Portland, ME March 26, 2025