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TO: The Honorable Anne Carney

Representative Kuhn

Members of the Judiciary Committee

DATE: March 26, 2025

RE:LD 1109 - An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices

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 1109.

LD 1109 would classify the possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device that holds more than 10 rounds of ammunition as a Class D misdemeanor. Large capacity magazines are often attached to firearms with smaller capacities- These modified weapons are the most used when it comes to mass shootings.

Limiting the amount of rounds a weapon can shoot will ensure that the rate of mass shootings will decrease, and less deaths will occur. There is evidence of this, as states with LCM restrictions experience mass shootings at half the rate of those without restrictions.

As the state continues to recover from the Lewiston shooting, it is vital that our decision makers are taking the necessary steps for ensuring gun safety. This passage of this bill would decrease the chance of a fatal incident like this from occurring again.

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 1109.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely, Emilia Toth Portland, ME March 26, 2025