Kerry Read Paris LD 677

Chairpersons Senator Anne Carney and Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the committee,

I am testifying in support of LD 677, as a concerned citizen, neighbor and friend and person of faith.

We are all painfully aware of the devastation caused by the slaughter of our friends and neighbors. It is the governments' moral duty to protect the innocent. It is not legal to hunt with rapid-fire devices. There is no reason for any private citizen to own a rapid-fire firearm. Citizenship is not just about "rights", it is also about

"responsibility." It is the responsibility of this legislative body to make Maine safer by banning rapid-fire devices.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 677 and get weapons of mass killings out of Maine.