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LD 1109
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Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,
My name is Destiny Johnson. I am one of the survivors from the Lewiston Mass Shooting on October 25, 2023. I escaped out of Schemengee's kitchen that night after Robert Card pointed his rifle directly at our table and shot at us, hitting my friend in her shoulder. Since the shooting, I've taken the time to get my concealed carry permit. After being shot at, I'm refusing to be another victim and taking the responsibility of being my own first responder.

I urge this committee to reject L.D. 1109.

This legislation would restrict me from owning my lifesaving defense tool in the State of Maine. L.D. 1109 seeks to outlaw standard capacity magazines in Maine. It would ban the possession, sale, manufacture, or transfer of magazines that exceeds 10 rounds.

Maine State Police Evidence Control Sheet confirmed that they found two AR -15 style rifles outside in a vehicle at Schemengee's the night of October 25, 2023. A law abiding citizen followed the law and kept them in their vehicle. Can you imagine if someone inside Schemengee's was trained and had an AR - 15 to protect us? Due to the massive volume of standard-capacity magazines in circulation, criminals will continue to have unlimited access to such magazines, while law-abiding citizens will be restricted to low-capacity carrying capabilities.

Please also reject LD 1126. This "ghost gun" scheme does not address criminal activity in Maine. Instead, it serves a national agenda to ban homemade firearms, which have been part of our nation's history since its inception.

I also urge you to reject LD 677. This poorly written bill attempts to sneak a so-called "rapid-fire modification ban" past Mainers in a bill completely unrelated to firearm parts.

I want you to know that I am in support of LD 424, LD 829, LD 953, LD 998, LD 1049.

Thank you,
Destiny Johnson
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