



*Maine Gun Safety Coalition Testimony in OPPOSITION to LD 953: An Act to Change the Definition of "Machine Gun" in the Maine Criminal Code*

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the committee, my name is Nacole Palmer. I live in Bowdoin, and I serve as the executive director of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition. I respectfully urge you to vote Ought Not To Pass on LD 953.

This bill proposes to redefine "machine gun" in ways that are not in alignment with (and actually narrower than) federal law. Although it purports to bring Maine's law into alignment with federal firearm regulations, it does not.

This bill also fails to ban several dangerous devices that can convert a firearm into a more deadly weapon with a higher rate of fire. Maine needs the much stronger bill from Senator Carney: LD 677.

This bill is a poor substitute that would not keep Maine safe from these dangerous rapid fire modification devices, which would lead to more dangerous machineguns on the streets of our great state.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 953.