

Senator Carney, Representative Moonen, and honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Cam Shannon. I live in Yarmouth. I'm the mother of three children. I'm in school to become a nurse practitioner. And I am also the chair of the Maine Gun Safety Coalition.

I am here today in support of LDs 2086 and 2119.

LD 2086 would update the Maine legal definition of machine gun to include conversion devices, like bump stocks, that turn semi-automatic weapons into machine guns. The terrible shooting in Las Vegas in 2017 is a reminder of why banning these devices matter.

But everyday life tells us that banning conversion devices doesn't go nearly far enough. Assault weapons are weapons of war, designed to kill. A shooter armed with an assault weapon can kill more people, faster than they otherwise could. What's more, the easy availability of assault weapons makes mass shootings all too easy and prevalent. According to research, 85% of people killed in mass shootings are done so with an assault rifle.

This bill is a good start, but I urge legislative leaders to do MORE to keep Mainers safe from gun violence. Please do more to prevent what happened in Lewiston on October 25<sup>th</sup> from ever happening again. Ban the sale and transfer of assault weapons and high-capacity magazines in Maine.

I also support LD 2119, which would allow Mainers to voluntarily waive firearm rights. If passed into law, this bill would give Mainers at risk of hurting themselves or others one more tool to prevent harm.

Thank you for your time.