

LD 2038

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Senator Carney, Representative Moonan and Honorable Members of the Committee on the Judiciary:

My name is Polly Haight Frawley and I live in Cumberland, Maine.

I submit this testimony in support of LD 2086 and its amendment.

Before I retired I was the operations officer of a healthcare provider. One of my responsibilities was to train staff on how to respond if an active shooter entered the building. All of us felt such a training was pointless. An active shooter has all the leverage.

Bump stocks and similar devices that make firearms more deadly serve no purpose other than to create additional carnage and to make the shooter's task, to kill or wound as many as possible, even easier. I can think of no good reason to give an active shooter additional tools.

I wish this proposal went further. My opinion is that assault style weapons and high capacity magazines should be banned in Maine. An analysis of public mass shootings resulting in four or more deaths found that more than 85% of such fatalities were caused by assault rifles. Charles DiMaggio et al., "Changes in US Mass Shooting Deaths Associated with the 1994–2004 Federal Assault Weapons Ban: Analysis of Open–source Data," *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* 86, no. 1 (2019): 11–19.

Thank you for your consideration.