

Testimony on LD 766

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the judiciary committee, I am Dr. Allen Browne, I live in Falmouth, Maine, and I am a retired Pediatric/Trauma surgeon, veteran of the U.S. Army, and occasional deer hunter,

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I am here to testify in favor of LD ~~766~~. Military machine guns have been outlawed in the civilian world in the United States for about 100 years. They are very effective at injuring or killing many people in a short amount of time. I witnessed this during my training and service in the U.S. Army. Recently, rifles, pistols, and attachments to rifles and pistols mimicking the mechanisms and capabilities of machine guns have been devised, and have become available in the civilian world. I see no need for these mechanisms or capabilities for target shooting, hunting, or any civilian use. These mechanisms and capabilities merely give a person in the civilian world the chance to massacre innocent men, women, and children. LD ~~766~~ would limit the availability of rapid fire modification devices in the civilian world in Maine. This would not limit the ownership of an individual of a firearm. It would make the firearms owned safer for civilian purposes and protect the firearm owner, his family, and all adults and children in the State of Maine.

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Please seriously consider LD ~~766~~. It is important for the safety of firearm owners, their families, the people of Maine and the children of Maine.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts. I'd be happy to entertain any questions you might have for me.

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