

Sen Carney, Rep Kuhn, Members of the committee. My name is Stan Davis. I live in Wayne, and I am a retired Social Worker and School Counselor. I am here testifying in favor of LD 677 and LD 1126. Most importantly, I am the grandfather of two school age children who live in Maine. My grandchildren were locked down at home in Bowdoin in the aftermath of the Lewiston mass shooting. They continue to be reminded of the possibility of a mass shooting as they practice hiding quietly in a darkened classroom corner during lockdown drills. We all know it can happen here. I urge you to do everything possible to prevent mass shootings and other forms of gun violence. Both LD677 and LD 1126 are important steps to reduce school shootings and other forms of gun violence.

LD 677: Rapid fire and machine gun conversion devices have one purpose- to enable a person to shoot a large number of bullets in a short time. Thus they allow a person to kill a large number of human beings before being stopped. These devices have been used in mass shootings around the US, including in New England. More than 20 states in the US have already banned them.

LD 1126: Law enforcement needs to be able to identify and trace weapons used in violence, and to take effective steps to prevent people who should not have access to firearms from having them. Restricting unserialized firearms in Maine will help law enforcement agencies keep us safer.

I believe the good these bills will do far outweighs any inconvenience or restriction they cause.

Please vote them into Maine law, to protect our children and all of us in Maine.  
Thank you.