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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and members of the committee.

My name is Patricia Fox, and I serve as Associate Minister at The First Congregational Church of Camden, UCC. I live in Union, Maine. I am here to express my strong support for LD 677, and LD 1126.

The proliferation of rapid-fire conversion devices and unserialized firearms poses a clear and present danger to public safety. As a faith leader, I am called to advocate for the protection and well-being of all people, based on a belief that human life is sacred and that we have a responsibility to prevent violence and harm whenever possible.

Every person has the right to live in safety, free from the threat of senseless harm, and when laws fail to protect our communities, we have a responsibility to act. Banning these dangerous devices and requiring a serial number on legal firearms is more than a policy decision—it is a commitment to valuing human life and upholding justice. While I respect the Second Amendment and the rights of responsible gun owners, I also believe that with rights come responsibilities. These two bills do not infringe upon lawful gun ownership; rather, they ensure that dangerous weapons and accessories do not fall into the wrong hands.

I urge this committee and the Maine Legislature to pass LD 677 and LD 1126. These measures are common-sense policies that will save lives and promote the safety and security of our communities. We cannot afford to wait for more tragedies to take action.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Patricia L. Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "P".

Sincerely, The Rev. Patricia L. Fox, Associate Minister
The First Congregational Church of Camden, UCC