

Senator Anne Carney, Representative Amy Kuhn and members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Margo Donnis. I live in South Portland. I am a retired Mainer.

I'm here to provide testimony in support of LD ~~766~~<sup>677</sup> (Rapid Fire Modification Ban) and LD 1109 (Large Capacity Magazine Ban).

I've tried to picture how we got here, to a Maine where firearm enhancements are for sale - both rapid fire modification devices and large capacity magazines.

Did someone - decades ago - ask for them? Or were these firearm enhancements invented whole-cloth with the thought that Americans would buy them when they heard of them? I know owners say they like them for target practice. Hunters - I've heard - don't use them. Where is the sport in killing a deer with a spray of bullets. Would anything edible be left?

Back to the question. Why were enhancements for firearms invented? Did gun manufacturers, in private meetings behind closed doors, ever once wonder aloud "These enhanced firearms in the wrong hands can kill a lot of people. There would be no defense against such an onslaught."

No matter, I guess, why they collectively decided to take that first step. From that day, we have slipped - no fallen - down and down. Disturbed individuals are shooting us with enhanced firearms from which we cannot run. We are dying. We are grieving. We are frightened.

I ask you to approve LD ~~766~~<sup>677</sup> and LD 1109.

Someone, somewhere invented these weapon enhancement devices. We, here, can outlaw them.