

Testimony on LD 1109 March 26, 2025

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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,

I am here to testify in favor LD 1109. This bill is a ban on large capacity magazines. During my training and time serving in the U.S. Army, I witnessed the capability of a firearm with a large capacity magazine to injure and kill. I can see no application of this capability in the civilian world. Firearms can be safely utilized for marksmanship contests and hunting - none of these activities are improved with a magazine of over 10 rounds. When magazines of over 10 rounds are combined with the ability to fire many rounds quickly, the firearm can now be used to create a massacre - think Lewiston 2023.

Please seriously consider LD 1109. This bill can help prevent massacres in the civilian world and does not affect civilian ownership of firearms for personal use. It protects the firearm owner, the firearm owner's family, 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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