

**Testimony in Support of LD 1109, An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices, to the Committee on Judiciary**

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Emily Huggins, I live in Bowdoinham. I am expecting my first child in June. My husband and I chose to build our lives in Maine because we believed it was a safe place to raise a family. But the Lewiston shooting changed that perception. I support LD 1109 to save lives if another mass shooting happens.

LD 1109 would ban high-capacity magazines, which allow shooters to fire continuously without reloading. Studies have shown that in mass shootings, when a shooter is forced to stop and reload, lives are saved. Limiting magazine capacity is a simple, effective way to reduce casualties in these horrific events.

Maine has an opportunity to join other states that have taken action to prevent gun violence. This bill does not take away anyone's right to own a firearm—it only ensures that no one has the ability to inflict mass devastation in a matter of seconds.

Please vote in favor of LD 1109. The safety of our families depends on it. Thank you for your time.