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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 of LD 1126. This bill is about the serialization of all firearms and prohibition of undetectable firearms. Recently creative people have devised printers that can make a house, a boat or even a firearm - working in 3D and leaving no ID numbers. Firearms need to be identifiable so that if they are lost or stolen, they can be identified. Identification also assists law enforcement officers in investigating crimes. If a firearm has no ID number, it cannot be traced. It cannot be returned to its legal owner. It cannot be used to find the person who performed an illegal act with it.

Firearms can be a safe source of fun and recreation, but they need to be constructed with identifying marks.

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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