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LD 1126, "An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms."

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.

My name is Scott Cyrway, and I am the State Senator representing District 16, comprised of Albion, Fairfield, Oakland, Waterville, and Winslow.

I am here to testify in opposition to LD 1126, "An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms." To be clear, I am also opposed to LD 677 and LD 1109, but I will be focusing my remarks on LD 1126.

Some may be wondering why I am opposing legislation that I cosponsored. As I researched this issue and spoke to many constituents, I realized that this legislation is not something I can get behind. It will undoubtedly impede the ability of law-abiding Mainers to exercise their rights. In fact, the right of an individual to manufacture their own firearms for personal use is explicitly protected in federal law.¹

LD 1126 has serious flaws. This bill would redefine firearms to include finished and unfinished frames and receivers. This means that these parts must be serialized at a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL), even though many of them are not considered firearms under federal law.

This would impede the ability of law-abiding Mainers to build and repair firearms without expensive serialization, which despite claims made by advocates of this legislation, is not a service offered by all FFLs. In fact, only a fraction of FFLs in Maine possess a type 7 Manufacturer License that would necessitate the use of serialization technology.

¹ <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/qa/does-individual-need-license-make-firearm-personal-use#:~:text=Firearms%20Home-Does%20an%20individual%20need%20a%20license,a%20firearm%20for%20personal%20use%3F&text=N%20C%20a%20license%20is%20not,firearms%20for%20sale%20or%20distribution>.

Many of my constituents expressed that this law would infringe on their hobbies, right to bear arms, and right to privacy. One of my constituents mentioned that “for someone to make their own guns and have to number them would suggest a backdoor gun registry.”

This bill does not actually address crime in Maine. Most criminals use illegally acquired firearms, often with defaced serial numbers, which is already a serious offense. This bill will only hurt law-abiding hobbyists and impede their ability to work on their own firearms.

I urge you to vote Ought Not to Pass.

Thank you for your time, I would be happy to take any questions.