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Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and honorable members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee - My name is John Andrews and I represent the towns of Buckfield, Hebron and Paris in western Maine. I am here today testify against LD 976, LD 999 and LD 1454.

These bills infringe upon Mainers' Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms. They surely 'Question' our right to keep and bear arms as enumerated in Article 1:Section 16 of the Maine state constitution.

All of these bills should be defeated in the most expeditious manner possible.

LD 976 - Shows that the sponsors of this bill have no idea what they are talking about. The ATF already defines what a 'Machine Gun' is by the mechanics of the trigger where more than one round is fired with a single pull of the trigger. The use of 'Bumpstocks', while gimmicky, does not change the mechanical definition of fully automatic as prescribed by the ATF and NFA. Fully automatic firearms are regulated by the National Firearms Act, have EXTREMELY thorough background checks and those weapons usually cost as much as my truck due to supply and demand resulting from a 1986 ban on manufacturing for civilian use.

LD 999 - Was decided by Maine voters several years ago when they sent diminutive New York City gun control extremist Michael Bloomberg back to NYC with his tail between his legs. This Committee should recognize the will of the Maine voter. This issue has been decided and this bill is a slap in the face to everyone who gave up their summer several years ago to defend their freedoms.

LD 1454 - This bill goes after a problem that doesn't exist. I'm not sure how many street level criminals have a degree in a Computer Science and a 3D printer, but it can't be many. LD 1454 once again shows that the bill's sponsors are not based in reality and are unaware of Federal law. You can take a Dremel to the serial number on any firearm and make it 'untraceable'. It is already Federally illegal to remove or obliterate a firearm's serial

number. Furthermore, source code is protected by the First Amendment and this bill is in clear violation of that.

All three of these bills need to be voted 'Ought Not To Pass'.

Respectfully,

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State Representative