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Members of the Committee

I am writing in opposition to LD 976 and request that it be voted Ought not to pass.

Once again one the same type of bill that has been defeated time and again is back, sponsored by the same few legislators that most always sponsor bills attacking the rights of the People of Maine.

Machine guns have been defined and regulated for decades including Bump Stocks. They do not meet the federal definition of one.

I also have a huge issue with a statement in the summary which says that Possession of a machine guns is a crime. There are many residents of Maine that legally own or possess machine guns, registered NFA items and they have always been legal to own in the US. Some of them the person has owned for decades and there never been an incident in Maine in which they misused in any way. Why are we making a law that turns regular Main residents into criminals for property they already own?

Over the last ten or so years there have been multiple referendums here, voted on by actual people that reside here. They have been to restrict hunting, change methods of baiting and to implement stricter background checks, etc., etc..

All of these have been voted on multiple times by the People and they been rejected, every single time!

Isn't it time we started paying more attention to the wishes of the people of Maine instead of the well funded, out of state, paid lobbyists that keep pushing for more "Keeping up with Jones's" type laws that are obviously NOT supported by the majority of people that live here?

Thank you for listening.