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I oppose LD 976. While bump stocks and similar devices are novel, they are not "machine guns" in that they do not allow a firearm to continue to fire with a single trigger pull. They do allow the process of pulling the trigger to be speeded up but each round must still be triggered. A machine gun by definition fires with a single trigger pull and the trigger needs to be held back to continue firing. Bump stocks simply do not meet the definition of a machine gun. I believe there was a recent court decision that dealt with this exact topic and the court's decision was that bump stocks do not meet the definition of machine guns.