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Hon. Susan Deschambault
Hon. Charlotte Warren
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
State House, Room 436
Augusta, Maine 04332

Re: LD 1454, *An Act to Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms*

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and members of the Committee,


I am writing to express support for LD 1454, *An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms*.

Today in our state, an individual may go online and purchase a gun-building kit that would permit the assembly of a firearm lacking a serial number. These untraceable guns are known as "ghost guns." Technology has also advanced to the point where a computer code may be downloaded that would permit the 3D printing of an undetectable and untraceable firearm. In both instances, these guns are increasingly attractive to those who the law prohibits from possessing guns and those who intend to use those guns in ways they do not want traced.

LD 1454 would prohibit the dissemination of downloadable 3D-printed gun files, and would prohibit the manufacture, import, sale, transfer, and possession of untraceable firearms. Additionally, this bill works to prevent the proliferation of undetectable guns. There are exceptions in the legislation permitting the manufacture, import, sale, or transfer of downloadable gun codes and guns produced from a downloaded code under circumstances that permit tracing of those guns. State and federal courts have long held that reasonable regulations on weapons are appropriate and can withstand constitutional scrutiny. These efforts to ensure guns in our state are detectable and traceable are common-sense regulations in the interest of public safety.

I encourage the Committee to support these reasonable regulations.

Sincerely,


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