

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and distinguished members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. I am Cathy Harris and I live in Mechanic Falls Maine. I am in favor of LD 1454.

Technology has advanced to the point that a person can obtain a code and then print off a gun on a 3D printer. A gun that is untraceable, that has no serial number and that cannot be detected with a metal detector. Who is buying these guns? Certainly not your average hunter who could easily go to the many gun stores in Maine and purchase the perfect weapon for the hunt, legally. No the people who are manufacturing these plastic guns are people who would not be able to buy a gun legally. And the purpose for making a 3D gun is to kill someone.

Criminals also have access to ghost guns. These are metal guns that have no serial number, that are untraceable. The outlaw buying this type of gun does not have to worry about a background check either.

Both types of untraceable weapons appeal to criminals. The purpose of this bill is simple. It is an attempt to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. It is an attempt to avoid more death and more pain. The fact that these types of weapons exist is a threat to public safety and it certainly makes the job of law enforcement that much harder. We need to do all we can to keep these types of weapons out of circulation.

Thank you.