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Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

100 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you regarding Legislative Document 976 (LD 976), an act to amend the definition of “machine gun” to include “bump stock devices.” On behalf of the National Rifle Association, I would like to express our opposition to this bill.

This bill amends the definition of “machine gun” to include a weapon to which a bump stock is affixed, and penalizes possession of a machine gun as a Class D crime. The legislation defines a bump stock as a device that allows a firearm to discharge more than one projectile with a single mechanical-action on the trigger. The effect is that the trigger resets and the firearm continues firing without additional physical manipulation of the trigger.

This legislation is duplicative, unneeded, and is already covered under federal law. In 2018, the Department of Justice, through regulation, classified “bump-stock-type devices” as “machine guns” under the National Firearms Act, and regulated accordingly. While the NRA has never believed that bans have ever worked to deter criminals to result in increased public safety, “bump-stock devices” are already addressed through current federal laws.

On behalf of the thousands of NRA members in Maine, I urge you to oppose this unnecessary legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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