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I oppose LD 976, the change in the definition of Machine Gun to include a gun with a bump stock. Currently, the Federal Government is dealing with the issue of bump stocks, so I think Maine doesn't need to add to that. Time is limited and our legislators have more than enough to deal with without adding this.

Personally, I think they should be legal on the State and Federal level. The trigger is being pressed for every shot fired, same as every semi-auto. In my 12 years as a law enforcement officer in this State, I can't think of a case where a bump stock would have made any situation worse. It seems aiming would be challenging using this, and hitting the target would be much more difficult. They seem to be more of a range gimmick than anything. I have never owned one, and really don't have any interest in owning one. but I have not seen any argument that has made me say people should not be able to have one.  
Thank you.