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Dear Committee Members,

Please vote against LD 1454 An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms. I generally believe in recycling, but this isn't in any sense of the word Green. Since this is verbatim from LD 1569 - An Act To Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms, I was able to use my old notes. Do I detect a theme?

An undetectable firearm is already illegal at the federal level. That is not what this bill is really about.

This bill is defining an "Untraceable" firearm as any firearm that is manufactured either by 3D printing or by machining a piece of metal or other material to make your own firearm.

It has always been legal to manufacture your own firearm, and is done every day by thousands of people. Either as a hobbyist or as a way to save money. It is recommended, but not required to serialize a firearm that is homemade. It is also currently legal to sell a homemade firearm as long as it's not as a business. If that were the case, a FFL would be required.

Therefore it is legal, to manufacture, possess, and sell a firearm without serial numbers under current federal law.

There are currently thousands if not millions of homemade firearms in private hands at this very moment. This bill would turn them into criminals overnight through no action of their own.

An unfinished frame or receiver is nothing more than a piece of metal or plastic. There is no serial number, and it is not a controlled part any more than you would require a serial number on a piece of pipe at a hardware store. Would you also require that hardware stores serialize pipe since a firearm can be manufactured out of that? How about raw pieces of aluminum or steel?

Once again, there are millions of unfinished receivers already in circulation. This would again criminalize many people overnight for no reason.

The penalty for distribution of downloadable gun code is a laughable violation of 1st and 2nd Amendment rights, and has been struck down in court multiple times.

§ 2017 is completely incorrect. Maine does not have a problem with these so called untraceable firearms. We are one of the safest states in the country.

Once again, this is an end run against the rights of the citizens of the great state of Maine by outside interests such as Bloomberg to restrict our rights, and violate multiple current laws as well as the Maine State Constitution.

This forces almost all firearms sales to go through dealer records.

This violates Maine's Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2014 is enacted to read: §2014. Government firearms or firearms owners registry prohibited Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a government agency of this State or a political subdivision of this State may not keep or cause to be kept a comprehensive registry of privately owned firearms and the owners of those firearms within its jurisdiction. It also violates the Maine Constitution in that it interferes with a persons right to keep and bear arms without being questioned or infringed with the burden of a background check fees.

Maine has already spoken on Universal Background Checks. They are Unconstitutional, violate Maine laws, and the Second Amendment Rights of Maine Citizens. Once again, this bill goes against the Maine State Constitution in that it infringes on a persons right to keep and bear arms as they see fit. Maine has a long heritage of safe firearm use, and is one of the safest states in the country. We don't need the likes of Bloomberg causing trouble in Maine. Registration leads to confiscation.

Don't violate your oath of office, vote Ought Not to Pass on LD 1454

Sincerely,

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