

Richard Shapiro
Brunswick

My name is Richard Shapiro, and I am from Brunswick.

Please vote "Ought not to pass" on LD 976.

First, it's unnecessary. A bump stock does nothing a shooter can't do with a belt loop, a rubber band, a shoe lace, or even a finger, after 10 minutes of practice.

Second, a bump stock does not allow for accurate fire.

Third, it makes no sense to ban bump stocks simply because a shooter may or may not, once, have used one while committing murder. Not only could that shooter have done exactly the same thing simply by pulling the trigger with his finger, but his fire would have been MORE effective and accurate if he had simply pulled the trigger rapidly.

Fourth, calling it a 'machine gun' is not only technically inaccurate, as a machine gun is a gun that fires more than one round from each pull of the trigger, while this simply facilitates pulling the trigger if you bounce the gun around.

So, to summarize, the law will NOT prevent the rapid fire of semi-automatic guns, will NOT save lives, and, as such fails the constitutional test for the infringement on a constitutional right.

Thank you.