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My name is Janice Vance and I live in Kennebunk. I am also a volunteer for Moms Demand Action. I am writing to ask you to vote in favor of LD 1454, An Act to Prohibit Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms. These so-called “ghost guns” are a huge threat to our safety. Because our Federal law currently allows the manufacture, sale and possession of untraceable weapons, all it takes is ownership of a 3-D printer (which is quite affordable now) and the ability to follow simple instructions to complete the assembly of partially-built plastic weapons, which are easily purchased online. Most ghost guns are made from “unfinished” frames and receivers. Unfinished frames and receivers are often marketed as “80%” complete, meaning a buyer needs to do only 20 percent of the work for the frame or receiver to be assembled into an operable firearm. Even though our Federal government is discussing legislation to prohibit these weapons, it is faster for Maine to take action now before these weapons are commonplace. These guns are easy to smuggle into any place where a metal detector normally identify a hidden weapon – planes and government buildings included.

No “good guys” are purchasing and assembling ghost guns, but the “bad guys” certainly are - criminals, domestic abusers, felons and gun traffickers. Please pass LD 1454, which will keep you and everyone else who works in a government building, or gets on a plane, safe.

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