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To: The Members Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety
Subj: LD 976 "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices"

My name is Francis Walker of Bath, ME and I have submitted this testimony in opposition to LD 976 "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices"

When we told the king to get lost, the revolutionaries who founded this country had better rifles than the British Redcoats. This was why we won the war. This was the reason for the 2nd Amendment. To ensure the people would not be outgunned by the government. The whole spirit of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights is to restrict Government from oppressing the people. This bill, just like the federal statutes is an affront to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. When you pass a bill stating that the government remove all full auto firearms from State Police, Sheriffs, Police Departments and the Maine National Guard, we might have this conversation. Until such time, Vote Ought Not to Pass on this garbage.

We live in a Constitutional Republic, and as such our unalienable rights should be protected and upheld by all levels of government. One of those rights is our 2nd Amendment, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms shall not be infringed." Technology might change, but our rights do not! Maine's own Constitution also states under Article 1, Section 16 To keep and bear arms.

"Every citizen has a right to keep and bear arms and this right shall never be questioned."

Those two Amendments clearly tells the gun control fanatics they have no legal recourse to infringe on any American rights when it comes to firearms.

I strongly encourage this committee to vote "Ought Not to Pass" on LD 976 "An Act To Amend the Definition of "Machine Gun" To Include Bump Stock Devices."

Thank you for your time,