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Dear Committee members,

I am testifying in opposition to LD 976. I ask that you also oppose LD976 and vote "Ought Not Pass". Its clear that the sponsor of this bill knows little to nothing about firearms, firearm accessories and their functions. People without basic knowledge of firearms and how they function shouldn't write and sponsor bills that affect others ownership of firearms and their accessories. A "bump stock" is an accessory. It isn't a firearm and it certainly isn't a "machine gun". No amount of mental gymnastics can turn an accessory into a machine gun. Get a grip. A machine gun has the capability to fire multiple rounds with a single pull of a trigger. A bump stock, again an accessory, allows a firearm to be "bumped" as to allow multiple trigger pulls without actually squeezing your finger multiple times. A bump stock is an after market accessory, it's not a standard issue item. Bump stocks have not been used in any mass shooting in recent history. I'd challenge you to find 5 times a bump stock has been used in a mass shooting in the last 20 years. Good luck, you won't have any luck. There's no reason to ban an accessory that isn't used in crimes. This legislation would only cause otherwise law abiding citizens to become felons. There is no sensible reason to support this bill other than pandering to your base, a base that also lacks knowledge on the basic functions of firearms and their accessories. I am sick and tired of our legislators ruling from a place of fear and misinformation. Maine does NOT have a "bump stock problem". There is absolutely no reason for this bill to pass. Do the right thing and vote "Ought Not Pass" on LD 976