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LD 1109

Dear Judiciary Committee,

The purpose of this letter is express my strong opposition for any attempt to limit the capacity of gun magazines. The Second Amendment of the US Constitution guarantees the right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms, a liberty that is fundamental to our nation's freedom.

There is evidence that shows restricting magazine firearms DOES NOT prevent CRIMINALS from committing crimes, why... because criminals have and always will find ways to circumvent the laws. The limits to magazine capacities only penalizes responsible gun owners and does absolutely nothing to address the root causes of gun violence. Law-abiding citizens, including but not limited to hunters, sport shooters and home defenders would be unnecessarily punished by the laws, while the criminals will blatantly disregard these laws period.

I am a strong supporter of the 2nd amendment and the right to self-defense and the ability to protect our homes, families and community. The freedoms are not negotiable and the government has absolutely no business of trying to limit the means of which we can protect ourselves.

By submission of this testimony I strongly urge this committee to vote "ought not to pass" on LD 1109 and stand up for the rights of law-abiding rights of responsible gun owners across the great state of Maine.