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LD 1109

Dear Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am writing to ask for your support of LD 1109, “An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large Capacity Magazines and Ammunition Feeding Devices.”

By classifying the possession of a large capacity ammunition feeding device (or large capacity magazines or LCM) that holds more than 10 rounds of ammunition as a Class D misdemeanor, this bill can help make mass shootings harder to perpetrate and result in fewer casualties. As you know, shootings with the greatest number of casualties often involve firearms that accept large capacity magazines. LCMs allow an individual to fire a large number of rounds without taking time to reload, limiting the chance for people to get to safety and/or others to intervene.

LD 1109 includes provisions around purchasing, possession, and other transfers of ammunition feeding devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition, allows nearly half a year for a gun owner to comply with the law, and ways to do that, and includes exemptions for active-duty military personnel and state/federal law enforcement officers.

Please do not be persuaded by false or misleading arguments that LD 1109 will apply to ammunition feeding devices that are made or sold exclusively for use with firearms classified as curios, relics, or antiques; have an adverse impact on federally licensed firearm dealers who are transporting these devices through the state for sale or transfer to exempted entities or persons authorized to lawfully possess such devices out of state; or result in prohibiting the temporary transport and use of ammunition feeding devices by persons in organized shooting competitions.

Please support LD 1109 and take an important step toward keeping Maine safe.