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LD 1126

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

I am writing to ask for your support of LD 1126, “An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms.” My understanding from the summary of LD 1126 is that it “establishes unlawful conduct related to certain firearms and firearm components without serial numbers” ... and... “also establishes penalties for violations of the [proposed] provisions. The bill also establishes requirements for the imprinting of certain firearms and firearm components with serial numbers by federal firearms licensees and prohibits the manufacture, possession, importation, offer, sale or transfer of undetectable firearms in the State.”

These regulations would hold unserialized firearm products to the same standards as all other guns in Maine. They can help ensure this crisis does not undo the progress that Maine has made in protecting its residents and preventing gun violence while respecting Constitutional guarantees.

As a semi-retired public health professional, I call your attention to concerns that unserialized weapons such as those manufactured by 3-D printing, may be accessible to young children and teens, for whom firearms are the leading cause of death and who are ordinarily not legally able to purchase firearms. Because these products can be acquired with no background check, anyone of any age can get their hands on an untraceable weapon. Firearm serialization legislation will ensure that this doesn’t happen.

Please support LD 1126.