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LD 1109

I am writing in 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. I am a retired Maine teacher, thankful that I made it to retirement without having a mass shooting occur in my school — not that I didn't spend hours of my and my student's time preparing and rehearsing for such an event. This bill concerns devices that hold more than 10 rounds of ammunition — and would make their possession a Class D misdemeanor. Not a big ask. Nobody who is not fighting a war or planning a mass shooting needs more than 10 rounds of ammunition at the ready — and there are exemptions for active-duty military and law enforcement officers. Also apparently it allows organized shooting competitions to use such devices, though I don't know why such a shooting competition is necessary. LCMs make it easier for killers to shoot and shoot and shoot without reloading, increasing the lethality of their actions and making it harder for victims to escape. 14 other states already prohibit Large Capacity Magazines. We need to join them.