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Re: LD 1126, An Act Requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Honorable Members of the Judiciary
Committee

I appreciate this opportunity to address you on this important matter. My name is Anne Gallaudet. I am a resident of Scarborough, Maine. I am writing in support of LD 1126.

I support this bill because it prohibits undetectable firearms (known as “ghost guns”) – as they are unserialized and thus untraceable by Law Enforcement. Unserialized firearms are now a leading source of firearms for people who do not want law enforcement to be able to identify them through a serialized firearm while engaging in unlawful activity, for people engaging in gun trafficking, and for people who know that they cannot pass a background check when purchasing a firearm from a federal firearms licensee (where such weapons purchased will be serialized).

Ghost guns are a threat to safety in Maine. They are increasing in number because unqualified individuals can legally own unserialized guns without background checks. This bill closes a dangerous loophole in our firearms law that allows people to evade existing Maine gun laws. This bill does not prevent hobbyists or others from building or assembling guns at home; all they must do is ensure the final product has an engraved serial number which they can have engraved by a licensed firearm dealer after obtaining a background check through the licensed dealer. If they do not pass the background check, the licensed dealer turns it over to law enforcement for disposition. This bill makes sure that ghost guns are treated by the same standards as other firearms and thus requiring a background check and engraved serialization. We all benefit from LD 1126 by improving public safety.

Thank you for considering my appeal. I urge you to vote “Ought to Pass” on LD 1126.

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