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LD 1109

I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1109 (HP 728): "An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices."

I am a new, responsible gun owner — I've owned firearms for less than a year. Like many law-abiding Mainers, I own several magazines that would be considered illegal under this bill. These are standard equipment for many firearms, not "large-capacity" by practical standards. This law would unfairly turn responsible gun owners like me into criminals overnight, despite having done nothing wrong.

One of the most troubling parts of this bill is that there is no grandfather clause — meaning even currently owned magazines would become illegal, forcing Mainers to either surrender their property or face criminal charges. Additionally, this bill would unintentionally make certain tube-fed rifles — which can hold more than 10 rounds — illegal by design, even though they are commonly used for hunting and sport shooting. Even simple plastic speed loaders, often used with these rifles, would fall under this law's vague definitions.

I understand the desire to reduce gun violence — it's a goal we all share. However, restricting magazine capacity and banning everyday firearms accessories only punishes responsible citizens, not criminals, who by definition don't follow the law. This bill undermines my Second Amendment rights and my ability to defend myself and my loved ones effectively.

Maine is the 2nd safest state in the entire country. There's no cause to trample over the Second Amendment rights of our citizens to solve a non-existent problem. This bill is an unnecessary overreach that punishes law-abiding Mainers without addressing actual crime.

Thank you for your time.