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Thank you for the opportunity to address the committee. My name is Alisha Heal and I am a resident of Kennebunk Maine, clinical social worker, parent and concerned citizen. I am offering written testimony in support of LD 677. Gun ownership and gun safety are not mutually exclusive concepts; laws allowing Mainer's to exercise their 2nd amendment right can exist side by side with gun sense laws that disarm hate. Prohibiting the use of rapid fire devices do just that: maintain Maine's long history of bearing arms, while making it less easy for horrific mass shootings to occur in our communities and schools. Use of a rapid fire device or machine gun conversion device have been key in most mass shootings across our country and ownership of such devices are unnecessary for the average Mainer who likes to hunt or target practice. Our state can still allow Mainer's to enjoy gun ownership rights while having gun sense regulations that make tragic mass shootings less accessible. Passing LD 677 is about disarming hate. I urge the committee to exercise dialectical thinking and vote to disarm hate. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective. I urge you to vote "Ought to Pass" on LD 677.