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LD 1109

To the Members of the Judiciary Committee, my name is Joshua Jacques, a resident of Sidney, Maine, and I strongly oppose LD 1109, "An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices." This bill infringes upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Mainers by banning commonly used ammunition magazines, a restriction the U.S. Supreme Court has signaled is unconstitutional under its recent rulings. In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), the Court affirmed that the Second Amendment protects arms in "common use" for lawful purposes, such as self-defense, and large-capacity magazines—widely owned by millions of Americans—fit this category. LD 1109 lacks historical precedent in American firearm regulation, failing the Bruen test requiring restrictions to align with the nation's tradition of gun laws, rendering it blatantly unconstitutional. Furthermore, it punishes responsible citizens rather than addressing root causes of violence, undermining personal liberty in Maine. I urge you to reject this misguided legislation and uphold our constitutional rights. Thank you for your consideration.