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As a result, law enforcement officers are missing an essential tool when it comes to investigating crimes involving these guns. With the rise of 3D printing, these components are becoming more accessible, even enabling the creation of illegal, undetectable guns.

These guns are even accessible to young children and teens—for whom firearms are the leading cause of death—who are ordinarily not legally able to purchase firearms. Because these products can be acquired with no background check, anyone of any age can get their hands on an untraceable weapon. Firearm serialization legislation will ensure that this doesn't happen.

Please vote "ought to pass" on LD 1126, help Maine citizens feel this is a safe place to raise a family.

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