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Senator Carney, Representative Kuh, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this testimony in support of LD 1109, An Act to Reduce Gun Violence in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large Capacity Magazines and Ammunition Feeding Devices.

This law would prohibit the purchase or possession of an ammunition feeding device that holds more than 10 rounds of ammunition.

The use of large capacity magazines (LCM)s greatly increases the lethality of mass shootings by allowing the shooter to fire multiple rounds in succession without reloading and reducing opportunities for victims to escape or law enforcement to intervene. States that have magazine capacity limits experience mass shoots at half the rate compared with states without these restrictions.

What is the purpose of an LCM other than to kill a lot of people quickly? Mainers deserve better.

Please support LD 1109