

LD 1109 An Act to Reduce Gun Violence Casualties in Maine by Prohibiting the Possession of Large-capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices

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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, Members of the Judiciary Committee, I am Peter Morgan, I live in Raymond, Maine and I have been very concerned about the impact of firearms on our community.

Shootings with the greatest number of casualties often involve firearms that accept large capacity magazines. Large capacity magazines allow an individual to fire a large number of rounds without taking time to reload, limiting the chance for people to get to safety and/or others to intervene. By prohibiting large capacity magazines, mass shootings may be harder to perpetrate and result in fewer casualties.

Mass shooting offensive situations have a history of utilizing a high quantity of ammunition. In defense of those assaults, the offender presents a limited target; hardly needing an armory to quell (by a qualified shooter).

There is no need for such an accessory to be in the possession of residents or visitors to defend our community. (High ammunition capacity puts our law enforcement agencies at a disadvantage during operations that escalate to lethal levels.)

I encourage members of the Committee to vote OUGHT TO PASS this legislation.