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LD 1126

I write in support of LD 1126, an Act requiring Serial Numbers on Firearms and Prohibiting Undetectable Firearms. Maine must pass a strong state serialization law to ensure that dangerous, unserialized firearm products are treated the same as every other firearm under Maine law. Unserialized guns and "unfinished" firearm components are now a leading source of weapons for people who wish to conceal their unlawful activity from law enforcement, engage in gun trafficking, and avoid criminal background checks they could not pass. With the rise of 3D printing, gun components are becoming more accessible, further enabling the creation of illegal, undetectable guns. And these firearms are increasingly showing up in Maine, including a fatal gun crime in 2022. There is no legal reason to not have a serial number on every gun, including "unfinished" firearm components. Adding serial numbers is a simple process with minimal burden to gun manufacturers or law abiding owners, who already expect serial numbers on their guns. Many other states already have similar laws to LD 1126. Mainers want and deserve safe gun use in our state. Please vote yes on LD 1126.