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LD 677

Sen. Carney, Rep. Kuhn, Members of the committee, I am Ann Wheeler, I live in Newcastle and I am writing in support of LD 677.

As I am sure you know, rapid fire modification devices have been proliferating in this country and certainly in Maine. Federal law does not cover all such devices. State law enforcement cannot even enforce the federal prohibitions on their own without federal cooperation. Even more disturbing, the federal executive branch could change the rules that prohibit machine gun conversions without going through Congress. There is no need for fully automatic weapons in civilian life. They are used in crimes and mass shootings to an increasing degree.

As we have all been forced to realize, mass shootings can happen anywhere. This bill will go far to help us prevent another such event here in Maine.

I respectfully ask for your support for this bill and thank you for your time and consideration.