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Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and distinguished members of the judiciary committee, my name is Matt Gilley and I am a lifelong resident of harpswell. I write to you in opposition of Id 677 An Act to Update the Statutory Definition of "Machine Gun" and Prohibit Possession of a Rapid-fire Device. This bill looks to change the definition of a machine gun, to one that seems to be extremely vague, and could encompass many hunting rounds as a machine gun. Bird and buck shot fire multiple projectiles per trigger pull. Federal law already requires significant permitting to own a machine gun. Usually we have bills because we are trying to solve a problem, fund something or make something better. We don't have a machine gun problem, we certainly aren't funding anything and I'm not sure what this would improve? This is nothing more than an attempt to disenfranchise law abiding gun owners that purchased legal devices or guns that will now be deemed illegal with no note of funding for even a buyback. This bill has multiple problems just as it did last year when slide in the backdoor of another bill. I urge you to vote ought not to pass thank you.