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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure: HB2005

Dear members of the committee,

We are unfortunately affected by increasing crimes of violence with a firearm. In Portland there have been a record number of homicides and shootings. When we look at when and why this "so called" gun violence spiked, it was back in the summer of 2020 as a result of the social justice protests after the tragic death of George Floyd. This event coupled with poor implementation of Measure 110, the defund the police mantra, resulting in the subsequent depletion of officers from the force, and finally the soft on crime policies of progressive DA's.

The vast majority of firearms recovered in a crime are serialized. The amount of so called "ghost" while present represent a small percentage recovered after a crime. It is currently completely legal for a private law abiding citizen under federal law to own an unserialized firearm if certain conditions are met. In fact, it takes more effort to build a so called "ghost gun" than to steal or buy a complete firearm from the black market.

There are no undetectable firearms. Despite the use of polymers in modern firearm construction, once complete are easily detectable-so what we have here is a bill promoting a red herring under the guise of public safety.

The only reason I can see why this bill was introduced is because the current party in power abhors the idea that law abiding citizens can build firearms without the state knowing who has them-therefore they can't take them. The same party that given the opportunity would compel registration with a future end goal of confiscation. If you think I'm delusional, look to the gun confiscation that the Prime Minister of Canada has enacted-this in a nation has a plethora of gun laws the current party in power in Oregon could only dream of passing.

If this bill were to pass, there will be no decrease in homicides, or other crimes with a firearm. Criminals will not comply with this law, and any reasonable person with a modicum of critical think skills will come to the same conclusion. My personal safety in this state has been compromised because of the social justice policies of the ruling party, the same party that's been doing a great job of enabling the criminal class. I oppose this bill, and I urge you to vote no on HB2005.

Thank you,

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