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

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 2005, which seeks to prohibit undetectable, untraceable firearms known as ghost guns. Ghost guns are increasingly becoming a weapon of choice for gun traffickers as well as for those who are prohibited from possessing firearms. I believe this poses a significant threat to the safety of our communities.

Last year in Salem, federal officials raided a house and found 68 ghost guns along with dozens of unserialized frames and receivers. Unfortunately, these materials can be easily obtained and there are currently no laws requiring prohibiting these types of firearms. The lack of policy in Oregon surrounding ghost guns eases the process of creating them.

I believe it is imperative that those obtaining firearms should go through a background check process to assure that individuals are vetted and that guns remain traceable. This will ensure that dangerous weapons do not fall into the hands of those who may pose a danger to our communities.

Please support House Bill 2005 as an important measure to decrease gun violence and protect Oregonians. Thank you.