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On Behalf Of:  
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Representatives,

My name is Leah Fox. It's my honor and privilege to be amongst you today to testify in support of HB 2005. I am here as a proud MOMs Demand Action volunteer. I'm also here as a daughter, a sister, a partner and perhaps most importantly, as mama to a charismatic two-year-old.

As any parent does, I navigate daily worries about my little one. These reflections bounce from the pedestrian to complex issues. When will the potty training stick? Has she gotten enough to eat today? Or, am I bolstering her self-confidence enough to navigate public school?

And as many of you know, when raising a toddler one has to pick their battles strategically. But when it comes to guns and public safety - specifically the strict regulation of ghost guns - the choice is cut and dry. With so many daily worries out of our control, here's an issue where we can make a real, measurable impact. And this issue is a battle I choose to take on.

As elected officials you have a duty and an obligation to support the creation of safer, more livable communities. By prohibiting undetectable, untraceable firearms and ghost guns, you have an opportunity to do just that.

When I think about my daughter's future, I feel urgent pressure to remove any risk of gun violence she could encounter. House Bill 2005 will help save lives by prohibiting untraceable, unserialized, and undetectable firearms, which pose a serious threat to public safety in Oregon.

In less than an hour, with an easily-acquired kit available for purchase online, virtually anyone can build a ghost gun—an unserialized, untraceable firearm that's not subject to the protections of a background check. To make matters worse, all-plastic guns that can be printed at home on a 3D printer can be carried through metal detectors and other security devices undetected.

In addition to ghost gun regulation, I also urge you to support HB 2006 raising the legal age to purchase an assault rifle age and HB 2007, which will give municipalities the ability to ban concealed carry on their grounds and buildings.

My comments represent just a few of the vast number of arguments in favor of HB

2005. This is common sense legislation and I strongly urge you to continue to support these bills until they become law, for safer communities, a safer future for our kids and a safer Oregon.