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As a law enforcement officer for 19 years, I oppose this bill. I have not seen any dramatic increase in the number of "ghost guns" used in crimes. Many of the guns used by criminals were obtained by theft at some point. We arrest these people time and again but have seen a dramatic decrease in the length of prison sentences handed down. Felons will be arrested multiple times with both legal and stolen firearms, yet continue to be let out of jail after a day or two since the state decided it's bad policy to hold people pending trial. After conviction, if they DA had the capacity to prosecute them, prison terms are ridiculously light. This even goes for people who are career criminals. If the state wants a reduction in gun violence, fund the prosecution of existing laws. Sentence convicted criminals to terms where they are a deterrent to commit further crimes. Unfortunately the state seems more interested in reducing the long term harm of the criminal than protecting the residents. HB 2005 is just another law that has the potential to make criminals out of law abiding individuals and will do nothing to keep guns out of the hands of criminally intent people.