

Testimony in support of HB 2005

As a founding member of Lift Every Voice Oregon and a Chief Petitioner of Measure 114, I speak in support of HB 2005. As recommended by our Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Measure 114 would ban so called “ghost guns” – untraceable firearms which can sometime evade metal detectors and often have no means of tracing in the advent of a crime, removing a valuable tool from law enforcement. In addition these weapons allow the gun owner to evade all legal background checks, putting dangerous weapons in the hands of those who should be prevented from gun ownership – for example: felons and those prone to domestic violence. Ghost guns have no place or legal purpose in our state. At a time when gun violence is annually exceeding all previous records, HB 2005 will save lives.

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