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

Dear Judiciary Committee,
Passing HB 2005 will help save lives by prohibiting undetectable, untraceable Ghost Guns, which present a serious threat to public safety in Oregon.

In recent years, 3D-printing technology has advanced rapidly, creating a new and inexpensive way for anyone to avoid background checks and other state and federal regulations. By building DIY firearms from parts and kits widely available online—and without a background check—or by using 3D printing technology people with dangerous histories, who cannot legally purchase firearms, can access untraceable guns, including all-plastic guns that can be carried through metal detectors and other security devices.

Ghost Guns also undermine the work of law enforcement. Because Ghost Guns have no serial numbers, it is impossible for law enforcement to effectively trace these firearms when they are used to commit crimes.

The threat of Ghost Guns has already been seen in Oregon. Just last year, federal officials raided the house of a man in Salem and found 68 ghost guns, along with dozens of unserialized frames and receivers. This man was running a ghost guns manufacturing operation from his mother's basement.

I urge you to send this bill to the floor!
Thank you,
Deb Gaisford