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**To:** Chair, Rep. Jason Kropf  
Vice Chair, Rep. Tom Anderson  
Vice Chair Rep. Kim Wallan  
House Committee on Judiciary

**From:** Kerry Spurgin  
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**Regarding:** UPDATED - OPPOSITION to COMBINED HB2005,2006,2007

**With this morning's changes and amendments proposed, please see our updated input below.**

The direction of legislation continues to drive infringement instead of correcting the gaps in existing processes.

Recognize that it is documented that guns used in crime are stolen, straw purchased, and bought on the black market. Overwhelmingly undetectable firearms are commercial firearms with serial numbers removed. This act is already illegal and is a federal felony. This is not an unfinished firearm problem – they are too costly and time consuming for criminals to use. Just look at the data!

It is already illegal to 3D print an undetectable firearm. Why do we need another law?

It is already illegal to manufacture for sale or to sell an unfinished built firearm. Enforce our current laws!

HB2005 is in direct conflict with the federal law on unfinished firearms – which do we follow?.

Recognize that recent horrific events stem from illegal purchases, failure of family and law enforcement to contain individuals known to them as high risk, and failed use of current background check processes. This also applies to the 18-20 year old category.

Examples:

- False statements on current background checks process
- Failure of law enforcement/family to act on known mental illness and domestic violence incidents and issues.
- Failure of background check process to comprehend juvenile mental illness and disciplinary issues.

Instead, let's fix the BGC process and not infringe on law abiding citizens.

- Include Juvenile records.
- After law enforcement or public safety events, utilize ERPOs appropriately.

Creating a patchwork of advertised gun free zones without protection puts Oregonians at risk. These gun free zones increase the risk of firearm thefts. Is the state willing to fund armed guards at all these locations?

**HB2005/6/7 does not and will not reduce crime! HB2005/6/7 does, however, infringe on law abiding citizens.**

There is no evidence, or logic, that supports that these additional requirements would ever be followed by existing or would be criminals..

- KGW8 investigative reports surveyed where the guns criminals use come from. In 2021, for over 1000 guns confiscated, the key sources were stolen, illegal purchase for others, and illegal black market.
  - A criminal would never consider building their own as it is time consuming, requires specialize tools, and is much more costly.
- A disturbed youth will find a gun to steal, research backs this up. - Let's help them before this happens!
- A gun free zone is an open invitation to criminals. - This puts our families at risk!

# Let's work on measures that matter!!

## Drive for Real Solutions!

OSSA recommends we steer our effort to confront the drivers and root causes of violent crime in our community. In our view, these are: Addiction, Mental Health, Lack of Law Enforcement Community Engagement, Not enforcing current laws, and Mental illness – Suicide Prevention. ([link](#))

OSSA sponsors the **OSSA/OASRs Safety-Wellness Campaign** ([www.ossa.org/safety-wellness](http://www.ossa.org/safety-wellness)) to further drive safety in shooting sports and make our communities safer. We drive Basic Safety, Storage safety, Childrens Safety, and Suicide Prevention through active awareness and training programs with our clubs, members, website, and community.

## Make a Choice!

Voting YES – Drives actions with no impact to violent crime

Voting NO - Enables Time and Effort to make Oregon safer through Real Solutions.

**Respectfully, I ask, on behalf of OSSA's Members and Oregon Citizens, that the committee and the Oregon legislature**

**REJECT HB2005/6/7 – It will not reduce violent crime in Oregon.  
Lets Drive REAL Solutions, instead.**

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I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters. OSSA, and its members, are strong supporters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the Bill of Rights, the US Constitution, and the Oregon Constitution that support the rights and responsibilities of safe and responsible firearm owners.