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

Dear Representatives of Oregon,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 2005. I have never felt more compelled to submit testimony on a House Bill before but this one alarms me so much I needed to testify before you and make sure someone hears why this proposed bill is terrible.

If you're not familiar with firearms or how they're acquired this bill sounds like it could be a decent idea. However, that's not the case. Many people, myself included, build our own rifles piece by piece because it's more cost efficient to do so as well as easier to customize to fit your needs. The lower receiver is the part of the gun that the background check gets run on. Many people buy these and then sometimes take their time saving money up for quality parts to build their rifle. This can lead to hobbyists like myself owning a safe with some incomplete lower receivers in it - all serialized and have completed background checks done before purchase.

This bill would make lower receivers that have not been built into guns yet illegal, even if the individual has gone through the necessary background checks to obtain them. These lower receivers are serialized and the serial numbers are written on the Form 4473 that gets submitted with the background check as well. This bill would criminalize those who are lawfully building rifles piece by piece, imposing unnecessary restrictions on law-abiding citizens.

The proposed legislation would punish individuals for exercising their Second Amendment rights and create an unnecessary burden on gun owners. Making lower receivers illegal before they have been built makes no sense and would only serve to create more problems than it solves. In fact, I can't think of a single problem that would be solved by making serialized lower receivers that have been submitted through a background check illegal to own.

Furthermore, I want to emphasize that I am a law-abiding 32-year-old female who has held a concealed handgun license for a decade. I have never violated any laws relating to firearms in my entire life. I even have rifle kits waiting to be assembled, which can be quite costly to piece together. If this legislation passes, I would be considered a criminal simply for pursuing my hobby, which is extremely alarming because I have done nothing wrong and my serialized lowers aren't doing anything wrong either. They're just waiting for me to build them how I want to, when I can afford to do so.

I urge you to oppose HB 2005 and any other legislation that seeks to burden law-abiding gun owners. I also urge you to take some time to look into the process of building a rifle, go to a gun shop and put your hands on a stripped lower receiver and see what it is, and take a look at the different parts that go into building a rifle because I truly believe it will provide more understanding and make the idea of why someone would have serialized lower receivers in their home make a lot more sense. I believe you will see why it's asinine to turn these many lawful gun owners into criminals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Julianna Grace Moore