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Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chairs, and Members

House Bill 2005 is a solution in search of a problem. There is very little crime committed by so called ghost guns. In fact, the Oregon AG, chief law enforcement officer for the state of Oregon, testified just this past Tuesday that ghost guns “supposedly” could be used in crimes, pointing to an example of a drug trafficker committing multiple crimes that had some home made guns in his possession.

Millions of law abiding Americans enjoy making their own firearms. These Americans do not commit crimes, in fact, firearms hobbyists are among the most law abiding citizens and most likely to have higher levels of safety training than others. Federal law already requires home made firearms to be serialized prior to sale or if taken to a licensed gunsmith.

HB 2005 goes even farther and declares pieces of metal that can be turned into a firearm illegal with a possessor subject to criminal prosecution and loss of rights for possession of a PIECE of METAL.

If the desire is to go after criminals, please utilize your authority to do so, but please stop trying to make law abiding citizens criminals for possessing pieces of metal. Vote no on House Measure 2005