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

Chair Kropf
Oregon House of Representatives
Judiciary Committee
Re: Support HB 2005

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Andersen and Wallen, and Honorable Members of the Committee:

I urge you to support HB 2005 which will bring accountability to the manufacture, sale, or transfer of those who possess or manufacture firearms that are undetectable or untraceable.

Undetectable and untraceable firearms are favorites of people who cannot pass a firearm background check.

A Department of Justice report published in January shows ghost gun use in crimes has risen more than 1,000% since 2017. ("Part III: Crime Guns Recovered and Traced Within the United States and Its Territories Overview of Crime Gun Tracing," Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, January 11, 2023, <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/docs/report/nfcta-volume-ii-part-iii-crime-guns-recovered-and-traced-us/download>)

A 2016 report by the US Government Accountability Office noted an "emerging reliance by criminal organizations on this source of weapons." Since then, law enforcement agencies have increasingly uncovered "arsenals" of these weapons in investigations of organized gangs. ("Firearms Trafficking," Government Accounting Office, January 2016, <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-16-223.pdf>)

Untraceable or undetectable firearms are one of the many firearm-related issues facing Oregonians today. Please vote yes on HB 2005.

Thank you.

Penny Okamoto