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I strongly oppose this measure. Binary triggers, bump stocks, and other such devices are not machine guns in function or by law. Making these illegal simply makes criminals of the law-abiding citizens who possess these. These items are rarely if ever used in crimes and this bill will have no impact on the safety of Oregonians.

Binary Triggers:

Legal Compliance: The ATF has reviewed and approved binary triggers, confirming they comply with legal standards for semi-automatic firearms, meaning they don't violate federal laws pertaining to machine guns.

Enhanced Shooting: Binary triggers allow for rapid firing with a single pull of the trigger, enhancing the shooting experience for some users.

No Machine Gun Function: Binary triggers do not automatically fire multiple rounds with a single pull of the trigger, unlike machine guns.

Bump Stocks:

Legal Status: Bump stocks are legal devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to fire rapidly, but the Supreme Court has ruled that they do not meet the government's definition of a machine gun.

Second Amendment Rights: Proponents argue that banning bump stocks would infringe on the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens to own and use firearms.

Not a Machine Gun: Bump stocks do not have the same characteristics of machine guns, and do not fire multiple rounds with a single pull of the trigger, unlike machine guns.

General Arguments:

Safety Concerns: Some argue that banning these devices would not prevent criminals from using them, as they can be easily obtained illegally.

Focus on Criminals: Proponents argue that resources should be focused on preventing illegal activities rather than restricting the rights of law-abiding citizens.