

February 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

House Committee on Judiciary

Re: House Bill 4005

Dear Chair Representative Sanchez, Vice-Chairs Representatives Bynum & Sprenger, and members of the Committee.

I am opposed to House Bill 4005.

For all of my 70 years I have been an Oregonian. I am appalled that a gun law would even be considered that would make a gun owner a felon for having a firearm stolen. Gun statistics are quite clear, the more gun laws, the more crime. Consider Chicago.

I live in the country and I feel quite confident in my ability to protect myself. The government is not my parent. I am quite capable of making important life decisions without government input - or coercion. It is ridiculous that the government believes it knows better than I what should happen in my own personal space.

The time has long passed when I believed new gun laws were being introduced as a means of public safety. It is glaringly evident that the true rationale is civilian disarmament. Legislators swear an oath to uphold and defend The Constitution and "shall not be infringed is clear."

House Bill 4005 is senseless and puts law abiding gun owners at risk. It would give real criminals more free reign and less responsibility for actions taken with stolen guns. It also aims to make home defense firearms useless, again leaving law abiding gun owners at risk. In fact this whole piece of legislation does nothing to promote gun safety and everything to punish gun owners. Disarming safe, law-abiding citizens appears to be the goal of House Bill 4005.

Respectfully.



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