

Submitter: Robert Hart  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2005

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I most strongly oppose HB 2005 that prohibits certain firearms and urge you to not pass this measure. This bill will not prevent mass shootings or other crimes as the problem is not with the firearms but with people that use them. The criminal element does not follow existing laws. They will not follow this proposed law. All it will do is make many law-abiding citizens that have legally built their own firearms into a criminal with out any action on their part. The United States second amendment and the Oregon Constitution guarantees the right to keep and bear arms. There is nothing in those documents that prohibit the making of firearms and this bill would be an infringement. Additionally, the law was be ex post facto for firearms that were built prior to the adoption of the proposed regulations as there is no clause to exempt existing firearms that were legally built without a serial number. I again oppose the adoption of this bill and ask you to fully support and defend the provisions of the Oregon and United States Constitutions by rejecting this bill.