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

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary

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Re: HB 2005

My name is Barbara Dallas, and I live in Happy Valley. I am a retired medical social worker and have 3 young grandchildren, one of whom is about to start kindergarten in the fall. I am writing in support of HB \_\_\_\_\_, which would save lives by prohibiting undetectable, untraceable firearms and ghost guns.

I am very alarmed by the rise in ghost guns in this country. These can be made from parts and kits widely available online, or by using 3D printing technology. Such guns lack serial numbers, which are essential for tracing guns used in crimes, and are always acquired without a background check.

Last year federal officials seized more than 65 ghost guns during raids on two houses in Salem. Criminals and people with a history of violent behavior can easily obtain these outside legal means. Because of the lack of serial numbers, criminal investigations are greatly impeded and dangerous people can continue to pose a threat to the community.

I urge you to support this bill to keep our communities safe and help save lives.

I also appreciate your committee reviewing other gun safety measures in addition to HB 2005. Specifically, I request your support of HB 2006 which raises the age of firearm possession from 18 to 21, and of HB 2007, which would apply the concealed carry ban to city and county public buildings.

Respectfully,

Barbara Dallas  
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