

March 19, 2023

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary  
Oregon State House of Representatives  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: HOUSE BILL 2005 - SUPPORT**

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

My name is Debbie Lindgren and I am a retired educator, parent of two daughters and a lifetime Oregonian. I am writing to express my support for HB 2005, which defines "undetectable firearm." HB 2005 punishes manufacturing, importing, offering for sale or transferring undetectable firearm by maximum of 10 years' imprisonment, \$250,000 fine, or both.

Untraceable DIY ghost guns are one of the fastest growing gun safety issues in the United States. They have become a weapon of choice for violent criminals, including white supremacists. Since they can be obtained with no background check and no questions asked, they are undermining gun safety laws across the country including here in Oregon. "In March 2022, [federal law enforcement officials discovered more than 60 privately made firearms, or ghost guns, being manufactured by a convicted felon in Salem](#). Ghost guns can be made from either a 3D printer or assembled at home from parts that can be legally purchased online and don't require a background check. They also lack serial numbers, which makes it difficult to trace them when used to commit a crime."<sup>1</sup>

I am grateful for your committee considering gun violence safety measures to keep Oregonians safe. I urge you to advance HB 2005 out of committee and continue to support it until it becomes law.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.opb.org/article/2022/04/06/cracking-down-on-untraceable-firearms-known-as-ghost-guns/>