

Submitter: Chad Kernutt  
On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE  
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary  
Measure: HB2005

Dear Lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I urge you to vote NO on HB-2005. I have several thoughts and views about this subject. I believe someone who is in possession of a gun that was originally serialized but has had it's serial number sanded/scratched off should absolutely be arrested and be receiving a felony as the weapon would be clearly stolen making the possessor an obvious criminal. I am neutral about people having unserialized guns from the process of at home gun builds as I can understand the interest in not having the government know what guns you possess in case the government resorts to tyranny (because the ATF has never done this, and that is definitely sarcasm). But I also understand the interest in keeping felons from building their own guns to use in crimes. The problem there though is criminals can easily purchase guns on the streets and steal them.

I am ardently opposed to this bill in it's current form for multiple reasons. There is no grandfathering clause and it seeks to be retroactive making law abiding citizens instantly criminals. This bill seeks such a steep penalty for a violation of it but these very sponsors and supporters of the bill and the attorney general herself won't change the current laws for felons in possession of firearms or for the possessors of stolen guns and guns with the serial numbers destroyed. Felon in possession of a firearm has a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$125,000 fine. Generally the Oregon DA's in the cities only seek 12-18 month prison sentence deals with credit for time served and suspended fines for felon in possession of firearms charges. For people who are in possession of firearms with destroyed serial numbers it's generally charged as a misdemeanor with little to no jail time if they aren't felons even though they are clearly partaking in criminal behavior with stolen guns. If it's such a problem for the government with having people owning guns whom they have deemed should not, then why the sweetheart deals and kid gloves for obvious criminals and the doubling of max prison time and max fines for the law abiding citizens with kit guns that have no serials? This way of thinking has no logic to it and the hypocrisy and double-mindedness stinks and shows a clear agenda behind it. Why don't you legislators and the attorney general go back and stiffen the penalties for possession of stolen firearms and felon in possession of firearm with mandatory set sentences of prison time and fines that have teeth and some real punishment and justice on them and stop going after law abiding citizens and solutions in search of problems. Please vote NO on HB-2005 in it's current language. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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