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SUPPORT for HB 2005

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Wallan, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hilary Uhlig, I am a resident of Hillsboro, a parent, a former teacher, and the volunteer Oregon Chapter Leader for Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America.

In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed a law to require background checks for all gun sales in the state, because we know that background checks are the most basic, common-sense measure to make sure that firearms do not end up in the hands of people with dangerous histories and those not authorized to have access to them. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, 93% of American voters support requiring background checks on all gun sales, including 89% of Republicans and 89% of gun owners.

However, ghost guns, whether they be 3D printed or from an easy-to-assemble kit of unserialized parts, have become the weapon of choice for violent criminals, gun traffickers, and other legally prohibited people because they can be acquired with no background check. The rise of ghost guns is one of the fastest growing gun safety problems in our country and they have become a dangerous part of the criminal market for firearms.

Across the country, and here in Oregon, law enforcement officers are recovering increasing numbers of homemade, unserialized guns at crime scenes and from people who are legally prohibited from having firearms. Unserialized guns make it more difficult for law enforcement to trace, investigate, and prosecute gun crimes.

HB 2005 will define and prohibit the possession, sale, transfer, manufacture, and import of undetectable and unserialized firearms and parts in Oregon. I urge you to support this bill.

Thank you.