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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure: HB2005

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March 22, 2023 Re: HB 2005

Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Wallan, and Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary;

I write in support of HB 2005. As a parent, PTA board member, and a person of faith, it is important to me that Oregon do all it can to prevent gun violence. Every step to save lives matters.

Banning untraceable ghost guns is a common sense step toward safety. This bill provides updated language to modernize our gun safety laws. It will allow law enforcement the support they need to more consistently apply the gun safety rules we all live by.

Reducing gun violence in our country will take all of us working together. Gun owners must do their part to demonstrate responsibility. Lawmakers and community leaders must ensure our laws protect children and other vulnerable populations. Unfortunately, we have seen the sad reality play out in our communities, with Oregonians dying from acts of mass violence, from suicide, and from accidents with lethal weapons. We need our thoughts and prayers to motivate action for common sense gun safety today.

Please support HB 2005 for a safer future.

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