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

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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 Ashley Gartland and I am a retired small business owner, mother to two young girls and resident of Southwest Portland. I am writing to voice my support for HB 2005, which would prohibit ghost guns and other undetectable, untraceable firearms.

Because ghost guns do not require a background check (or any questions asked, really), they make it easier for people to get access to weapons - including people who do not plan to own, store or use them safely. In fact, ghost guns are increasingly the weapon of choice for gun traffickers, criminals and people who are prohibited from possessing firearms.

In a nation of gun survivors, lawmakers must play a role in stopping our tragic increase in gun deaths. By supporting HB 2005, you have the opportunity to do something about that right now in our home state of Oregon.

I am grateful to your committee for considering gun violence safety measures such as these that will keep more Oregonians safe from gun violence. In addition to HB 2005, I urge you to support HB 2006, which increases the age for purchase and possession of semiautomatic firearms, and Bill HB 2007 which would allow cities to ban concealed carry access in city and county public buildings.

Please advance this Bill out of committee and continue to support it until it becomes law. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Gartland
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