

Oregon House Committee on Judiciary

Testimony in support of HB 2005

I strongly urge you to pass HB 2005 to make our communities and state a safer place to live and raise families. I am a resident of N Portland and unfortunately my community has seen a large increase in gun violence recently. HB 2005 would address the issue of “ghost guns”, which have the potential to further escalate gun violence in our state.

I worked with many other Oregonians to advocate for “universal” background checks and the legislature listened, passing a “universal” background check law several years ago. Ghost guns allow those that should not be able to possess a firearm to circumvent this proven safety precaution.

Ghost guns also make it much harder for law enforcement agencies to solve shootings. Without serial numbers it is almost impossible to trace a gun back to a shooting.

Ghost guns are showing up more and more in criminal activity - we must restrict their availability and use.

We know that common sense gun laws mean fewer gun deaths. Evidence from other states and from here in Oregon proves these laws work.

Thank you,

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