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Downloadable guns are a type of ghost gun because with a 3-D printer and access to the computer schematics, anyone can build an untraceable firearm without a background check. A functional downloadable gun can be made entirely out of plastic and evade a metal detector. To stop the spread of downloadable guns, we must stop the spread of the computer code that is used to create them.

State and local law enforcement is recovering ghost guns from felons, domestic abusers, criminal gangs, drug dealers, extremists, and minors.40 In the summer of 2018, a 25-year-old man was killed with a ghost gun in a Washington, DC shoot-out that left 32 shell casings at the scene.41 An assault-style ghost gun was used by a shooter to pin down two law enforcement officers during a shoot-out near Catholic University in Washington, DC.42 A Syracuse man used a ghost gun to shoot his 6-year-old nephew in the back after he showed up at his sister's house acting erratically and said: "Do you trust me?" before firing at the little boy.43 In 2019, Onondaga County, New York, police recovered 23 ghost guns. Only one ghost gun had ever been recovered before 2018.44

Ghost guns make the work of Public Safety officers more difficult to solve crimes because ghost guns are untraceable. Gun violence in Oregon and in the United States is increasing.

Please do your part to ensure that Oregon has laws in place to reduce gun violence.

Thank you,

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