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To: Representative/Senator
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Regarding: Reject HB2005



HB2005 is grossly flawed, will not make Oregon safer, and is wrong for Oregon.

The undetectable firearm section, where it does not simply repeat federal law, in fact, directly conflicts with federal law and firearm standards.

- It is already illegal to '3d print' a firearm.
- It is already illegal to manufacture for sale, or sell, an un-serialized firearm.
- The definitions of receiver, frame, and required serialization are in direct conflict with federal standards that have been used for the last 40 years on commercially available firearms.

As a result, decades worth of common commercial firearms will be deemed illegal to use or possess.

The 18-20 year old restrictions impact Oregon's youth by eliminating hunting, target shooting sports, and sportsmen's activities. Trap and Skeet are among the fastest growing high school sports activities in the country. Oregon has strong programs that will not be able to use the firearms intended for the purpose. Oregon's youth high power teams and participants will be barred from using the very firearms intended for the competition. Oregon has produced countless NCAA All-Americans, placements in Military Academies, and even an Olympian. Oregon youth will no longer be able to hunt with these common shotguns and rifles.

The patchwork of gun-free zones will, at the very least, create felons of law-abiding Oregonians pursuing their right for self-defense, as they are inadvertently tripped up in the web of zones and properties meshed throughout the state. Worse, these zones create unprotected zones advertised to criminals. Would the capital consider removing their security check points? I think not. This is not making Oregon safer.

REJECT HB2005/6/7 – It only impact Lawful citizens and will not reduce violent crime in Oregon.

Let's Drive REAL Solutions, instead. OSSA recommends we steer our effort to confront the drivers and root causes of violent crime in our community. In our view, these are: Addiction, Mental Health, Lack of Law Enforcement Community Engagement, Not enforcing current laws, and Mental illness – Suicide Prevention.

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I am an Oregon citizen as well as a member and President of the Oregon State Shooting Association (OSSA). The Oregon State Shooting Association directly represents nearly 15,000 members through member clubs and individual membership to foster safe and responsible firearms use as well as family-oriented shooting sports in Oregon. Additionally, OSSA provides information, resources, and assistance to over 100,000 Oregon hunters.