

OPPOSITION to HB-7219 (AN ACT CONCERNING GHOST GUNS).

Members of the Judiciary Committee,

I wish to express my **OPPOSITION** to **HB-7219**.

This legislation seeks to “ban guns without serial numbers and regulate those which are sold in a form requiring the purchaser to finish assembly or that are homemade or 3-D printed.”

Prior to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, firearms were not required to have serial numbers. There are many fine rifles, shotguns, handguns that were manufactured prior to 1968 and do not have serial numbers. Many are family heirlooms. Banning these guns can only be interpreted as a visceral attack on the family pride.

Making a firearm takes specialized machinery and tools, advanced machinist skills, and lots of money and time. Someone intending to do harm isn't going to make that investment if they can get one on the black market.

3-D printing with metal is a very expensive process. I have worked for companies that have made this investment. You have to be a multi-million dollar company to not only purchase the equipment, but to dedicate engineering staff that needs to be trained on operating the equipment, purchase the supplies and chemicals, modify the building for proper ventilation for safe operation.

This bill is based on fear and not fact.

I strongly urge you to **OPPOSE** this piece of legislation.

Thank you,

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