

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Judiciary Committee:

My name is Howard Holtz, I live in the town of Windsor and I'm writing in opposition of H.B 7219.

The terms "Ghost Gun" and "Assault Weapon" were coined to strike fear in those whom are less knowledgeable about firearms. To turn an unfinished frame or lower receiver into a safely functioning firearm requires a specific skill set, along with specialized tools and machinery which are not readily available to the average person.

Prior to the Gun Control Act of 1968 firearms were not required to be marked with a serial number.

The rifle that I used to earn my Marksmanship Merit Badge as an 11 year old Boy Scout didn't have a serial number and I know this because it is still in the family.

I'm a NRA Certified Range Safety Officer and Pistol Instructor and one of my visual aids in the classroom is a pistol that dates back to the late 1800's for which ammunition is no longer manufactured. If H.B 7219 were to pass, the usage of this obsolete, non-firing training aid in a Safety class would make me a Felon with a mandatory 2 year prison term, for teaching Firearm Safety!

Respectfully,

Howard Holtz