

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Judiciary Committee

My name is Brendan Malone, and I hope you will join me in opposition to HB 7219 an act concerning ghost guns. I had the privilege of testifying in person last year on the same bill when it was called HB 5540. I had mentioned how there are many firearms in circulation which were produced prior to the National Gun Control Act of 1968. That act made it mandatory for gun makers to serialize their firearms, before then, it was left to their discretion. The problem I had focused on in my testimony, was that most of these were youth model guns. Firearms specifically manufactured to teach children the basic fundamentals of safe shooting, and still to this day are being used to instruct 4H Club youth, Olympic trainees, and probably the largest faction, the Boy Scouts of America.

Unfortunately, this bill, like last years, contains verbiage which doesn't exempt any of these firearms. Specifically the phrase "No individual shall complete the manufacture or assembly of a firearm". This key phrase would make any effort to clean, maintain, or repair one of these firearms a felony act. As the disassembly required to do so, would then result in its reassembly (i.e. completing the assembly of a firearm without a serial number).

Once again, I ask you to please oppose HB 7219.

Thank you

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