

Travis Lerol, Delegate Candidate, District 31B, writing to you against HB425.

The term "ghost gun" has been often used for these, as has the term "undetectable firearm", but I have made dozens of them, and can assure you that neither term is accurate.

What this bill bans is nothing less than the right of individuals to make a class of products for themselves, instead of purchasing it from a corporation.

The right to create has been recognized since long before our nation's founding, and has been responsible for a vast number of advancements.

And yet, it is under attack today. Farmers are sued over crops or repairing their own tractors. Copyright law is used to squelch small creators.

And now we have this, a law seeking to effectively ban an entire category of items from being made by individuals for their own use.

Laws of this nature squelch economic opportunity.

In your own districts, there are many people who lack sufficient financial freedom, and yet fear for their safety. The last couple years have set new records in new gun ownership as people seek safety.

The poor deserve safety as much as the rich. If someone cannot afford to eat out, would it be just to ban him from cooking his own meal?

Those who cannot afford thousand dollar high end products should still be permitted to build for themselves.

Allowing rights only for the wealthy is never the right way to approach crime, and every time it has been tried, it has only worsened crime and discontent.

I urge you to vote against HB425. Thank you for your time and consideration.