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Letter written in **Opposition to Senate Bill 387**

I would like to express my opposition to Senate Bill 387 and provide reasoning for said opposition.

- If passed this bill will burden your law abiding constituents with making a choice to hand over legally purchased property or spend time and money seeking out an FFL willing and able to add a serial number to a previously legal firearm.
- Passing this legislation will potentially conflict with ATF proposed rules and clog the courts with cases without legal precedents.
- 80% has long been held by the ATF as the threshold for what's considered a manufactured firearm.
- An 80% frame requires tools, time, and expertise to build a firearm. It is not a simple matter of buying some parts, putting them together like legos and producing a firearm.
- Criminals are more likely to steal a firearm for use in a crime, than build one. And even if they were inclined to build a "ghost gun", they can simply go out of state to buy the parts, because they don't follow the law.
- Start enforcing the laws already on the books regarding use of firearms by felons. How many criminal news stories mentioned the perpetrator of a new crime was released without charges on illegal possession of a firearm weeks or months earlier.
- The statistics don't show an increase in crime due to "ghost guns". This is at best a feel good measure by those seeking the perception of addressing violent crime, while making no discernable impact. In fact, it will simply create more criminals out of previously law abiding citizens who didn't know about new legislation.
- Purchase of 80% frames and parts kits are not cheap. In fact, it's more cost effective to simply purchase a new firearm through a firearms shop. (Legally, not a strawman purchase)
- Disarming law abiding citizens emboldens criminals and increases the likelihood of an increase in crime. This is proven by FBI statistics that reflect much greater rates of violent crime in areas with the most stringent gun laws.
- If a gun of any sort is stolen and used in the commission of a crime, the criminal using the stolen gun should be held accountable, and not the victim of a theft. If someone steals your automobile and runs over someone, do you expect to be charged as a criminal, as the owner of the stolen vehicle?

Respectfully,

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