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Creating a law requiring serial numbers and background checks for unfinished frames and receivers to reduce crime and keep firearms out of criminal hands does not make sense. There is a lot of time and effort that goes into completing an unfinished firearm. You are not just putting pieces together like Legos. There is drilling and milling that must be done just right and if you make a mistake, your unfinished frame is now unusable. Just because someone buys an unfinished frame does not guarantee that a working firearm will be made from it.

It is also worth pointing out that 3d printed firearms are hard to create, and again, there are much easier ways that criminals use to obtain firearms. There is no magic "print gun" button on a 3d printer. If one does manage to produce a 3d frame, there is no guarantee it can be assembled, or could even fall apart during assembly from being too weak. 3d printed firearms are not undetectable. They are like a Glock in that they both have a plastic frame. No one thinks Glocks are undetectable. A 3d printed frame contains many metal parts, which would include springs, pins, magazines, bullets, slide and barrel. There is no sneaking a 3d firearm through a metal detector. The ATF traced 456,571 firearms in 2019 and 19,000 were ghost guns shows how little they are used in crime. That statistic does not break down if the firearms were 80% 3d printed or bought from a store with the serial number destroyed. In 2019 "ghost guns" made up .05% of guns used in crime. Claims of "ghost guns" used in crimes had been exaggerated and sensationalized to scare people. Law enforcement has gone on record stating they do not need a serial number on a firearm to catch a criminal, they do have other evidence.

In conclusion LD 1126 ought not to pass. It is a solution in search of a problem. It does very little to make my family and children safe. It is another law for criminals to ignore. If passed it would turn your neighbors, friends and family into criminals for no reason. If you want to create a safe community to live in, work on fixing the community. Deal with the mental health crisis, lock up the bad people who commit the crimes and address the drug crisis. Banning things does not work.

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