

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

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Dear President Biden,

We urge you to take immediate steps to stop the rising threat of the unregulated sale of ghost guns which provide domestic terrorists, gun traffickers, and other prohibited individuals unrestricted access to deadly firearms.

Ghost guns are untraceable firearms which bypass the commonsense background check system designed to ensure that felons and other restricted individuals are unable to purchase firearms. The companies that make and sell the ghost gun parts do not have to get a license nor follow the laws meant to keep guns out of the wrong hands and give law enforcement tools to crack down on bad actors and gun traffickers. The core parts for ghost guns, frames and receivers that ATF has erroneously determined are not firearms under the law, allow any individual to fully assemble a functioning part that should be regulated oftentimes in less than a half hour with basic tools you can buy at your local hardware store.

It is not surprising that these guns are turning up in alarming numbers at crime scenes. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) recovered over 10,000 of these guns in 2019, and in California, 30 percent of the guns being recovered by ATF are unserialized. The issue has gotten worse during the pandemic as an investigation of the websites of over 100 sellers offering the core parts or kits for ghost guns found that dozens of these sellers reported shipping delays due to "exceptionally high demand."

We call on the ATF to take emergency action to stop the sale of these parts and undertake immediate rulemaking to ensure that the core parts used to build ghost guns have serial numbers, and the companies selling these parts are licensed and follow all the rules that keep us safe, including conducting a background check before a sale. These ghost guns operate and function exactly like a firearm sold by a licensed firearm dealer and should be regulated as such.

We thank you for your immediate attention to this growing threat to our communities.

Sincerely,



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