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### **Representative Scharf Issues Statement Following Passage of House Bill 2005 B** *Revealing the Privilege Gap*

**Salem, OR** – Yesterday, the House of Representatives voted to pass HB 2005 B, an unconstitutional affront to our second amendment right to bear arms. Rather than taking proactive steps to address the safety of our schools and root causes of violence, the House Democratic Majority chose to force unprecedented restrictions on Oregon’s law-abiding gun owners.

HB 2005 B passed out of the House by a vote of 35-24. If this legislation passes the Senate and is signed by the Governor, it would:

- Raise the age to possess firearms from 18 to 21.
- Criminalize the manufacture, importation, sale, and possession of “undetectable firearms.”
- Criminalize possession of unserialized firearms and unfinished frames and receivers.
- Allow local governments to designate public buildings and adjacent grounds as gun-free zones.

Oregon is already entrenched in two constitutional lawsuits over Measure 114, one in U.S. District Court and another in the Oregon Supreme Court. While neither has gone to trial yet, the state has already spent roughly half a million dollars in litigation expenses, valuable resources that could be better spent protecting our school children. Instead, HB 2005 will create gun free zones turning our school children into “ducks on a gun-free zone pond” The Oregon Legislature spends roughly \$3.8 million annually on security for the Capitol. “State budgets reflect priorities, and right now we are prioritizing our safety over the safety of our children, solely because the Capitol Building is full of privilege,” **said State Representative Anna Scharf (R-Amity).**

By allowing local governments to designate public buildings as gun-free zones, HB 2005 B will create a false sense of security and make these public buildings *more* vulnerable to violent attacks. Such gun-free zones disarm law-abiding and responsible gun owners and do nothing to prevent violence at the hands of dangerous criminals; suggesting this policy will reduce gun violence in Oregon is a farce. “This Mom demands that this body take real action not the feel-good actions in HB 2005,” **said State Representative Anna Scharf (R-Amity).**