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WGO Opposes DOJ's Proposed "Ghost Gun" Rule (ATF 2021R05)

Madison, Wis. — Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) — Wisconsin's only no-compromise gun rights organization — strongly opposes the Department of Justice's proposed rule on "ghost guns." This rule attempts to allow an investigatory agency to sidestep the legislature, redefine terms, and create regulation without legislative approval.

This rule would infringe on the historical rights of law-abiding individuals to build firearms for personal use and would unnecessarily and unconstitutionally infringe Americans' property rights. It would also require every American who wants to modify their firearm, to become a licensed "gunsmith," instantly turning millions of lawful Americans into felons.

"It is already illegal to sell a non-serialized firearm; so, this proposed rule is redundant," said Thomas Leager, Executive Director of WGO. "If criminals do not obey the already existing laws, then why would they obey new ones? It appears to be less an attempt to stop crime, and more of an attempt to abolish the Second Amendment."

WGO blasted the DOJ for trying to regulate almost anything by decree, redefining terms for a convenient political hit job on American gun owners. That includes a lot more than just pre-machined 80-percent AR-15 lowers and would have far-reaching negative consequences on private property for all Americans, whether they own guns or not. The implications are chilling.

"The government is attempting to kill the Second Amendment by proxy by making it almost impossible and severely expensive to acquire gun parts," Leager said. "At present, the government can't control its own border, yet we're to believe it can regulate which springs or screws we install in our guns?"

About WGO

Founded in 2003, Wisconsin Gun Owners, Inc. (WGO) works tirelessly to restore gun rights in the Badger State using a no-compromise approach to grassroots advocacy. WGO is a 501(c)4 advocacy organization and registered charitable non-profit in the State of Wisconsin. Learn more at wisconsingunowners.org.