

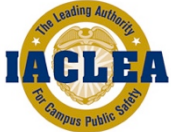
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE



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STATEMENT ON PROLIFERATION OF UNTRACEABLE FIREARMS - WASHINGTON, D.C.



The National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence is reiterating its previously stated position that law enforcement agencies within and outside the United States maintain the ability to trace all firearms manufactured in, or imported into the United States.



Tracing firearms is a basic and necessary task in conducting criminal investigations and in regulating legal commerce in firearms. The advent of so-called Ghost Guns, or 80% complete firearm receivers, as well as firearms receivers created using 3D printing technology, has fundamentally exceeded the ability of current laws and regulations to protect the public from untraceable, and in some instances, undetectable firearms.



There are two bills currently introduced in the U.S. Senate that propose to address untraceable and undetectable firearms: S.3300, The Untraceable Firearms Act of 2018 and S.3304 The 3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2018. Both proposed bills make necessary changes to current law.¹



The Partnership believes that all firearms should be sufficiently marked to allow them to be traced when they come into police custody. The 90th Congress passed the Gun Control Act of 1968 but it never contemplated either 80% receivers or 3D printing technology when the law permitted individuals to manufacture one gun per year without a serial number. The two Senate bills named above and their companion bills in the House of Representatives address the legal gap created by the new technologies and the Partnership encourages the 115th Congress to quickly address this urgent need.



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¹ <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3300/text>
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