

Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

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HB26-1144 Prohibit 3D Printing Firearms & Components

Typed Text of Testimony Submitted

Name, Position, Representing	Typed Text of Testimony
Melissa Kastanek For themselves	My name is Melissa Kastanek and I am a resident of Douglas County. I am a mom of a 7-year-old and a 4-year-old who both attend neighborhood DCSD schools, I am a Colorado native, former DCSD educator, a gun owner, the wife of a hunter. I heard a quote once that said, "If we believe that tomorrow will be better, we can bear hardship today." I am urging support of HB26-1144 because the hope that I choose to hold is that we will pass to our children something better. And I believe we start by acknowledging that, as clinical psychologist and parenting expert Dr. Becky reminds us, two things can be true. We can recognize that the founding fathers gave Americans the right to bear arms AND at the time, the arms they gave right to were vastly different than what they've evolved to. We can preserve the second amendment AND create a safer America. Gun manufactures can more responsibly manufacture and sell firearms in Colorado AND continue to turn a healthy profit. Responsible gun owners in Colorado can continue to purchase and own firearms AND we can pass legislation that strengthens the safety of our communities. Prohibiting 3D Printing of Firearms and Firearm Components is one obvious, effective and reasonable piece of legislation that will do just that. I choose to believe that if we are brave enough to try, there is a middle ground to meet upon and that's where the future I want to pass on to our kids starts
Bradford St. Matthew For Giffords Gun Owners for Safety	I live in Arvada. Please vote YES on HB 26-1144. I am concerned that the existing law does not go far enough to prohibit the 3D printing of unfinished frames and receivers, which can then be used to build fully functional firearms that can't be traced. 3D-printed firearms like that could easily end up in the wrong hands. Only licensed manufacturers and licensed dealers should be able

	<p>to manufacture firearms, not anyone with access to a 3D printer. This bill would address that. It would also would expand the ban to include 3D-printing high-capacity magazines and rapid-fire devices. I think of the Club Q shooter who murdered 5 people and wounded 19 others with guns built using untraceable 3D-printed parts. I want to live in a world where I don't have to look over my shoulder whenever I go out, thinking someone there could harm me or my community. I want to be safe and feel safe. I want that for my friends, for you, and for our communities. Please vote yes on this bill for our safety.</p>
<p>Zana Prospero For themselves</p>	<p>Members of the Colorado Senate Judiciary Committee,</p> <p>My name is Zana Prospero. I'm a senior this year in high school and the President of Fairview High School Students Demand Action. Through my entire school experience, I have been taught to fear for my life, that school is a place where I am not safe. Today, I urge for your support of bill HB-1144, which will build on our progress and expand our previous ghost gun law.</p> <p>The personal experience of me and my classmates has been, at the least, alarming. We live with the knowledge that shootings don't just happen, they happen often to people we love. Over the years, we have had several shooter threats, an active lockdown, and the knowledge that only a minute's walk away will take you to a place where devastation happened. Ten innocent people were unfairly massacred in the King Soopers shooting and my heart goes out to everyone continuing to grieve from that. I live everyday in fear that the next 10 deaths could be my friends, and the murderer a peer. Since it is currently legal to 3D print unfinished frames and receivers that can be easily finished, someone can make a decision one night and carry it out just days later.</p> <p>It's happened before: someone can decide they want to murder a dozen people, print the gun quickly and easily, and take it pretty much anywhere. Police will seldom be able to find where it came from and the victims' loved ones may never get the justice they deserve. Denver East High School has suffered personally from a minor's access to 3D printed guns and I hope you hear from them. Around that same time, a man armed with firearms built using ghost gun components shot and killed five people and</p>

	<p>wounded 19 others at Club Q in Colorado Springs. The shooter had begun building 3D-printed guns in the year before the shooting.</p> <p>Ghost guns, including 3D-printed firearms, have contributed to the highest rate of firearm-related homicides in decades according to Rippey 23, but individuals are still allowed to print easily finished parts of a firearm and trade the CAD files that 3D print firearms in our state. This is an issue that absolutely MUST be prioritized over anything else because innocent lives are being LOST and your constituents live in fear. Our gun laws have to evolve with growing technology.</p> <p>Your vote in favor of the bill will save lives. If you plan to vote against, I encourage you to think about the lives lost and the lives that will be lost. Thank you</p>
<p>Kora Harson For themselves</p>	<p>Members of the Colorado Senate,</p> <p>My name is Kora Harson, I am a sophomore at Fairview High School, and I am scared to go to school.</p> <p>In September of 2025, me and students at Fairview High School in Boulder experienced a lockdown because of a false threat of an active shooter. This happened on 9/11, right after the prevalent shooting at Evergreen high school as well as the assassination of Charlie Kirk. A few years prior, there was a shooting at our local King Soopers which students including myself visit nearly everyday. This shooting ended up killing ten people and wounding two others.</p> <p>With this knowledge, we sat in dark classrooms for 4+ hours, waiting to be cleared by S.W.A.T teams. Many students feared for their lives and experienced what it would feel like to be in a real shooting. We texted our families and friends, not being sure whether we would make it out of the school that day. Teachers offered support to students, but the chaos and uncertainty caused by the incident caused immense and widespread panic that continues to radiate among students at Fairview.</p>

	<p>School should be a safe place, but instead we live in fear of gun violence every day. Any one of our classmates can 3D print parts of a firearm at home, a deadly weapon that kills: the Club Q shooter shot five people and wounded 19 others with firearms built using primarily ghost gun components.</p> <p>This bill will directly decrease shootings due to 3D printed guns by making printed parts illegal and expanding on our previous ghost gun law to prohibit the 3D printing of absolutely any firearm, unfinished frames and receivers that can be easily finished, or devices that make firearms much more dangerous. This bill will also help law enforcement stop the spread of the digital code that makes 3D printing guns possible and evolve our laws with technology. This bill can significantly reduce these events, keeping us safe and possibly saving our lives.</p> <p>Thank you and please support this bill.</p>
<p>Maren Huss For Students Demand Action</p>	<p>Testimony of Maren Huss for HB26 1144</p> <p>Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America</p> <p>Colorado Senate State Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee</p> <p>Written</p> <p>Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for considering my testimony today.</p> <p>My name is Maren Huss and I am urging the committee to support HB26 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.</p> <p>I am a freshman at East High School and, while I do not identify as a survivor of gun violence, I am passionate about the safety of</p>

	<p>adults and children alike in workplaces, schools, homes, and in their everyday lives.</p> <p>3-D printers should never be able to create things that could harm or kill people. They should be a fun, creative outlet for younger kids, like when I designed and printed a Mario Kart toy during an elementary school summer camp. Or like when my younger brother’s best friend 3-D printed a football goalpost and a miniature football for his birthday. They should not be used in order to create a weapon. They should not be used in order to end lives.</p> <p>HB26 1144 will close deadly loopholes that have allowed some to bypass the previous laws and restrictions that Colorado has put in place and enforced. As the world moves, laws must in turn adapt to keep up. No longer do gun laws apply to muskets, but instead they apply to automatic weapons, to ghost guns.</p> <p>This bill is not introducing anything new that restricts responsible gun owners, but instead continues to build on already established laws set in place in order to prevent the printing and use of these deadly ghost guns.</p> <p>In a time when our federal government is not supporting the safety of American citizens, lawmakers must stand up to protect those in need. By supporting HB26 1144, Coloradan citizens will make one more step towards safety.</p> <p>This concludes my testimony in support of HB26 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my voice today.</p>
<p>Zora Hesselberth For Students Demand Action</p>	<p>Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.</p> <p>My name is Zora Hesselberth and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.</p> <p>I am a junior at East High School. As a student here, our community is no stranger to gun violence as multiple shootings have occurred in our very building.</p> <p>As a gun safety advocate, I care deeply about the integrity of Colorado’s gun safety laws. Our state requires background</p>

	<p>checks to purchase a gun. We don't allow people to have unserialized firearms. You can't purchase a rapid fire device or high capacity magazine in our state. And in general, you have to be an adult to have guns.</p> <p>3D printed firearms undermine all of these laws and so many more myself and students like me fought to pass. In Colorado, this loophole allows people under 18 to access or print their own guns and accessories. They would have never passed a background check at a dealer, the place where you're supposed to get guns under our state law. Law enforcement even found that two men from Colorado Springs were running a nationwide 3D printed rapid fire device operation . People in Colorado can't buy or acquire rapid fire devices. Most concerningly, we have already seen extremely dangerous, hateful people in Colorado 3D printing guns and gun parts, the Club Q shooter had spent \$30,000 to do so.</p> <p>This bill will make it harder for people to get what they need to illegally 3D print guns. If we're serious about our gun safety laws here in Colorado, then we should take seriously the threat that 3D printed firearms pose. Just click-and-print: Any kind of gun, for any kind of person, with any kind of history, at any age. This is not what Colorado stands for, and to protect the progress we've made, we need the updates in this bill.</p> <p>I know what happens when people who shouldn't have guns are able to gain access to them. Students in our very building attend class, go to lunch, and achieve their high school diploma while simultaneously carrying the burden of gun violence. Children should not be this comfortable discussing and testifying gun violence. Do more to protect students from these atrocities.</p> <p>This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.</p>
<p>Jeany Rush Against</p>	<p>TO: SENATE STATE VETERANS & MILITARY AFFAIRS 3-19-26</p>

<p>themselves</p>	<p>RINSE AND REPEAT! TESTIMONY JEANY RUSH COLORADO CONSTITUENT</p> <p>"SHALL NOT INFRINGE" THESE BILLS ARE ALL UNCONSTITUTIONAL I OBJECT</p> <p>TO: HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE</p> <p>RE: HB26-1144 D-PRINTED GUN BAN</p> <p>SPONSORS: GLICHRIST, BOESNECKER, SULLIVAN, WALLACE</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH, COLORADO CONSTITUENT 2-18-26</p> <p>VOTE: NO "NO THANK YOU" "SHALL NOT INFRINGE!"</p> <p>Well, doesn't this one take the prize at the State Fair for most Insane, Invasive, and Intrusive Bills of the day! Well, except the child mutilating bills!</p> <p>First, and worst, you are now legislating, punishing, "INTENT" as if you are playing Judge and Jury! This will attack hobby folks, private folks, as well as all weapons shops. Even Components, Milling machines will be stomped out in the wake of this Tsunami Bill. Having printed plans now constitutes a crime, even if no crime is there! Now we take out the 1st and 2nd Amendment in one trick!</p> <p>You force Centralized manufacture, and further penalize small operators, individuals.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Will the next bill you make be to inspect our toilets, and see what type of toilet paper we are using? One Ply or Two?</p> <p>You are now legislating out of state activities in this regard as if you have now Crowned Yourselves dictators of the 2nd amendment for the rest of the country as well? WHAT EXACTLY WILL BE LEFT OVER; WHAT WILL BE THE "REMAINS OF THE</p>
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	<p>DAYâ€” WHEN YOU GET THROUGH RIPPING OUR RIGHTS TO SHREDS?</p> <p>People wonâ€™t even be able to have plans if they want to submit them to a licensed dealer, because if someone snitches on them, they may get charged with possession of plans, and a digital crime?</p> <p>Did you all re-write the Constitution? Did you forget WHO you work for? This is truly beyond reasonable, and you saved the worst for last in this bill? You are not punishing the lawless shooters, you are still attacking your very own constituents!</p> <p>AND YOU ONCE AGAIN ABUSED THE SAFETY CLAUSE, DICTATING WHAT THE VOTERS GET TO HAVE A VOICE ON, AND WHAT YOU WILL JUST SLAM DOWN THEIR THROATS! The misuse of the Safety is like your very own Loaded WEAPON in which citizens are IGNORED!</p>
<p>Kathleen Kelly For themselves</p>	<p>Good morning Senators,</p> <p>I encourage you to please support HB26-1144 - 3D, Printing of Firearms and Illegal Firearm Parts to ensure loopholes now existing in the 2023 ghost gun bill be closed, keeping bad actors from evading state mandated background checks and serializing guns.</p> <p>Colorado continues to be a leader in gun safety legislation and we must continue to close loopholes that can provide unauthorized access to firearms. We need to prevent kids from having the ability to build an untraceable firearm with a basic 3D printer and digital blueprints. And some 3D printed guns are designed to avoid detection, being made from plastic or mixed materials so today's metal detectors don't catch them.</p> <p>Please close this loophole and vote YES on SB20-1144</p>

	Kathy Kelly Westminster, CO
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March 2026

TO: Senate State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

RE: AAUW Supports HB1144—Prohibit 3-D Printing Firearms & Components

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. More than 700 community leaders are members of AAUW branches around Colorado.

AAUW has declared that gun violence is a public health crisis. Mass shootings have become commonplace, and our children now live with the expectation that they may be the next victims.

HB1144 addresses 3-D printing of firearms and components, and prohibits illegal manufacturing all or part of a firearm and components as well as unlawfully possessing with intent to distribute, digital instructions that may be used to program a 3-dimensional printer or a computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine to manufacture or produce a firearm or firearm component.

AAUW believes HB1144 represents another important step toward making Coloradans safer from gun violence.

For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports HB1144 and requests your YES vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming a law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Hon. Su Ryden
AAUW of Colorado Advocacy Director
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American Association of University Women--AAUW is a top-rated 501(c)3 charitable organization whose mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Testimony of Claire Halstead for HB 1144
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Claire Halstead and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.

I am a student at Denver East High School and a member of Students Demand Action. The legacy of gun violence and my school is intricately linked. In 2023 and 2024, my school experienced two instances of gun violence that have left lasting scars on my community. I can see the effects every time there is a lockdown drill when I look at the faces of my classmates. My school should never have had to experience this tragedy, it is my goal that by passing this legislation, the likelihood of this happening to another community will decrease. Colorado has led on gun safety, passing laws that reflect our values of responsibility, safety, and community. But technology has outpaced those laws. Allowing people to 3D-print illegal guns and illegal accessories undermines every safeguard we've built — making it easier for dangerous individuals to make untraceable, deadly weapons at home. This bill keeps Colorado's gun safety laws effective, ensuring we stay ahead of emerging threats and keep our communities safe.

A few other states – California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Delaware – have updated their ghost guns laws to address the rising threat of 3D printing. Today, we're asking our state to adopt similar upgrades to make sure that our laws are capable of combatting dangerous technological change.

This bill will expand on Colorado's ghost guns law to include a prohibition on 3D printing firearms, unfinished frames and receivers, high-capacity magazines and rapid fire devices. Under our law, people are not allowed to have these products. Why should we allow people to circumvent our laws with their own technology and make us all less safe?

One of the shootings at my school used what is known as a ghost gun, which was made with a 3-D printer. 3-D printed weapons have become a more common and more pressing issue for communities around the state. These weapons bypass the

regulations that Colorado has in place and threaten our communities. The Club Q shooter fatally shot five people and wounded 19 others with firearms built using primarily ghost gun components. These weapons have the potential to cause devastating effects, but more concerning, is how readily available they are. 3-D printers don't have the ability to enforce laws surrounding age, or felony records, allowing indiscriminate access to everyone. And startling, 3-D printers are available to almost everyone, in community spaces like libraries and rec centers. Gun laws should make our communities safer, while these weapons bypass our laws and render them ineffective.

This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.

I am writing in support of **HB 26-1144 Prohibit 3D Printing Firearms and Components**. This much needed proposed law will prevent so many unneeded gun deaths in Colorado. It will also prevent potential criminals from manufacturing not only handguns, but semi-automatic and automatic weapons which might otherwise be involved in mass shootings. We must do all we can to stop this active and rapidly growing threat to public safety.

In an average year, 1,000 people die and 1,392 are wounded by guns in Colorado. Colorado has the 28th-highest rate of gun violence in the US. Also in Colorado, the rate of gun deaths increased 24% from 2015 to 2024, compared to a 18% increase nationwide. The rate of gun suicides increased 17% and gun homicides increased 48%, compared to a 19% increase and a 16% increase nationwide, respectively.

Furthermore, Colorado has the twentieth highest societal cost of gun violence in the US at \$2,039 per resident each year. Gun violence costs Colorado \$11.7 billion each year, of which \$156.1 million is paid by taxpayers.

Colorado law already prohibits the 3-D printing of firearm frames and receivers, which are the core building blocks of firearms. This law should be expanded to include unfinished frames and receivers that can be readily turned into frames and receivers with minimal effort and common household tools, which can then be used to build fully functional firearms. **This law should also be expanded to ban the 3-D printing of high-capacity magazines and rapid-fire devices, which are already illegal to manufacture, purchase, or possess under Colorado law.**

Only **licensed manufacturers and licensed dealers** should be able to 3-D print firearms, not anyone with access to a 3D printer. This commonsense measure will help ensure that firearms, frames and receivers, and illegal firearm accessories like high-capacity magazines and rapid-fire devices do not fall into the wrong hands.

Colorado should not only prohibit the 3-D printing of firearms and illegal firearm parts but also make it **illegal to disseminate the instructional files that make printing possible** by telling machines how to print a firearm and dangerous accessories. Only licensed manufacturers and licensed dealers should be able to disseminate such plans.

Additionally, California, Hawaii, New Jersey, and Rhode Island have enacted similar regulations with great success.

We must do everything we can to reduce the high rates of gun violence in our state. This bill, **HB 26-1144** will help to do just that.

Please remember the Club Q shooter, who fatally shot five people and wounded 19 others with firearms built using primarily ghost gun components, had begun building 3-D printed guns in the year before the shooting. The shooter had spent tens of thousands of dollars on 3-D printers

being used to make guns. Also, in January of 2026, a gang and narcotics investigation in Aurora led to the recovery of drugs and a 3-D printed firearm. Finally, this March, law enforcement recovered hundreds of 3-D printed rapid fire devices and multiple 3-D printed firearms from an extensive operation in Colorado Springs. Two men were arrested for allegedly shipping rapid fire devices across the country.

Please Vote **“Yes”** on Bill **HB 26-144 – Prohibit 3D Printing Firearms and Components**. Please do all that you can to protect our state and our citizens from further gun violence.

Testimony of Colette Larson for HB 1144
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee
In Person
90 seconds - 2 minutes

Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Colette Larson, and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.

I am from East High School, and in my freshman year, I experienced gun violence perpetrated by a ghost gun.

Colorado has led on gun safety, passing laws that reflect our values of responsibility, safety, and community. But technology has outpaced those laws. Allowing people to 3D-print illegal guns and illegal accessories undermines every safeguard we've built — making it easier for dangerous individuals to make untraceable, deadly weapons at home. This bill keeps Colorado's gun safety laws effective, ensuring we stay ahead of emerging threats and keep our communities safe.

A few other states – California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Delaware – have updated their ghost guns laws to address the rising threat of 3D printing. Today, we're asking our state to adopt similar upgrades to make sure that our laws are capable of combatting dangerous technological change.

This bill will expand on Colorado's ghost guns law to include a prohibition on 3D printing firearms, unfinished frames and receivers, high-capacity magazines and rapid fire devices. Under our law, people are not allowed to have these products. Why should we allow people to circumvent our laws with their own technology and make us all less safe?

I love the community I have found at my school. However, the violence perpetrated by a ghost gun deeply impacted my sense of safety inside school. My parents considered transferring me and didn't want me to go back. The worst thing that should've happened

to me that year was getting braces. Instead, I saw two deans hurt and another dead. Instead of being marked by dances and the excitement of football games, that year was marked by protests and grief. What happened to me that year was preventable. HB 1144 will prevent a tragedy like this from happening again.

This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.

Testimony in opposition to: HB26-1144 3D Printing Firearms and Components
The Firearms Coalition of Colorado
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Thank you, Chair and Committee.

My name is Robert Edmiston. I am with the Firearms Coalition of Colorado an NRA-affiliated, all-volunteer, grassroots organization dedicated to the protection of individual rights and public safety.

I am a former U.S. Army Officer and Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. I have a Master's Degree in Psychology, Counseling and Guidance.

I am writing in opposition to the measure under consideration. There is no Legislative Declaration in the bill that establishes the need for such a restriction. Since "ghost guns" make up a small percentage of firearms used in crime and suicide, it seems as though this proposal is a solution in search of a problem.

We have been able to find no historical analog from the founding of our republic that resembles this restriction. We believe that the bill runs afoul of the requirement established by the US Supreme Court in *Bruen* that such a precedent exist in order for a proposed law to pass constitutional muster.

The bill is redundant, since there is already a ban on standard capacity magazines, sometimes misnamed as "high-capacity." There are already rules on the serialization of receivers. We do not believe that Colorado needs another overlapping anti- Second Amendment law.

The restriction on the transfer of information related to the manufacture of the "ghost gun" components appears to run afoul of First Amendment protections of free speech. Given Colorado's difficult budgetary situation, it would seem prudent to avoid the probability of litigation on this measure by directing legal resources toward other, more pressing issues.

We urge a "No" vote on this proposal.

Thank you.

Robert Edmiston
Volunteer Lobbyist
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I writing for you to vote no one this bill! This bill is in direct violation of not only the Constitution, but Supreme Court rulings.

New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen

In its June 2022 decision *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen*, the Supreme Court of the United States abandoned the two-step means-ends scrutiny approach previously applied in many Second Amendment cases and instead held that once a regulatory scheme implicates the right to keep and bear arms, the government must show that the regulation is “consistent with this Nation’s historical tradition of firearm regulation.”

Under this text-history-and-tradition test, modern laws such as “red-flag” or extreme risk protection statutes and bans on assault-weapons must be justified not primarily by public-safety data or policy rationale but by analogues in 18th or 19th-century practice—i.e., they must track a recognized historical tradition.

<https://govfacts.org/rights-freedoms/constitutional-rights/right-to-bear-arms/the-second-amendment-an-analysis-of-americas-gun-rights-debate/>

The craft of making a firearm in the United States is older than the United States! A few historical facts:

1608 Peter Keffer, the first known gunsmith in the colony, arrived in the Colony of Virginia (with the first supply).⁴⁹

1610 Two gunmakers and two armorers arrived in the Colony of Virginia (with Sir Thomas Gates).⁵⁴

1619 Charles Coyfe, a gunsmith, arrived in the Colony of Virginia.⁵⁶

1707 In the Colony of Virginia, Anthony North was apprenticed to Henry Byrome who agreed to give the boy two-years of schooling and teach him “the art and trade of a gunn smith.”⁸⁰

1777 George Washington ordered the creation of the Springfield Armory to store revolutionary war ammunition and gun carriages.⁹⁸

1794 Springfield Armory (US Government) began to manufacture muskets.¹⁰⁰

25 Feb 1836 Samuel Colt received United States patent X9430 I1 ⇒ for his “improvement in fire-arms,” otherwise known as the original Colt revolver.¹⁰⁷

1836 Samuel Colt built his first manufacturing plant in Paterson, NJ. It was known as the Patent Arms Manufacturing Company.108

<https://www.classicamericangunsmith.com/glossary-3/glossary-t/timeline/>

The truth of this bill has nothing to do with safety, but for taxes! Due to Proposition KK, "The 6.5% tax is expected to generate \$39 million a year to fund an array of mental health programs and support services for crime victims, some of which are at risk of running out of money."

<https://coloradosun.com/2024/11/05/colorado-proposition-kk-results/>

Instead of trying to steal more monies from the taxpayers, how about a TRUE anti-crime bill? But I guess that is too hard for a group of people who loves criminals over law-abiding citizens, right?

That's all.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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March 18, 2026

Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs
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RE: House Bill 26-1144 – Prohibit Three-Dimensional Printing Firearms & Components

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Madam Chairwoman and Committee Members,

On behalf of the National Rifle Association and its thousands of members in Colorado, I am writing to formally express our steadfast opposition to House Bill 26-1144. This legislation aims to criminalize the utilization of modern technology in exercising a fundamental right that has existed since the founding of our Republic: the right of law-abiding citizens to manufacture their own firearms for personal use.

America has a longstanding and distinguished tradition of home-built firearms, a practice that predates the founding of this nation and constitutes a fundamental element of the Second Amendment right to possess and utilize firearms for legitimate purposes. By prohibiting the use of three-dimensional printing, which the bill broadly defines to encompass both additive manufacturing and subtractive CNC milling, this legislative body effectively bans the modern equivalent of the colonial workshop. Law-abiding enthusiasts and innovators should not be subjected to a class 1 misdemeanor or a class 5 felony solely for employing twenty-first-century tools to participate in a historic American pastime.

Furthermore, this regulation is unlikely to dissuade criminals, who, by definition, do not adhere to legal statutes. Although the bill aims to regulate the production of "potentially functional" firearms and components such as unfinished frames or receivers, it neglects the fact that individuals with criminal intent already disregard current prohibitions on possession. Conversely, this legislation introduces a complex legal landscape for law-abiding citizens, who may face

prosecution merely for possessing digital instructions or CAD files if a prosecutor determines there is an "intent to manufacture."

The bill's effort to limit the dissemination of digital instructions, even via the internet, represents an unprecedented overreach that affects both the Second Amendment rights and the free exchange of information. It exposes individuals to civil infractions for sharing code, thereby illustrating that this legislation focuses more on constraining knowledge and technology than on addressing genuine criminal activity.

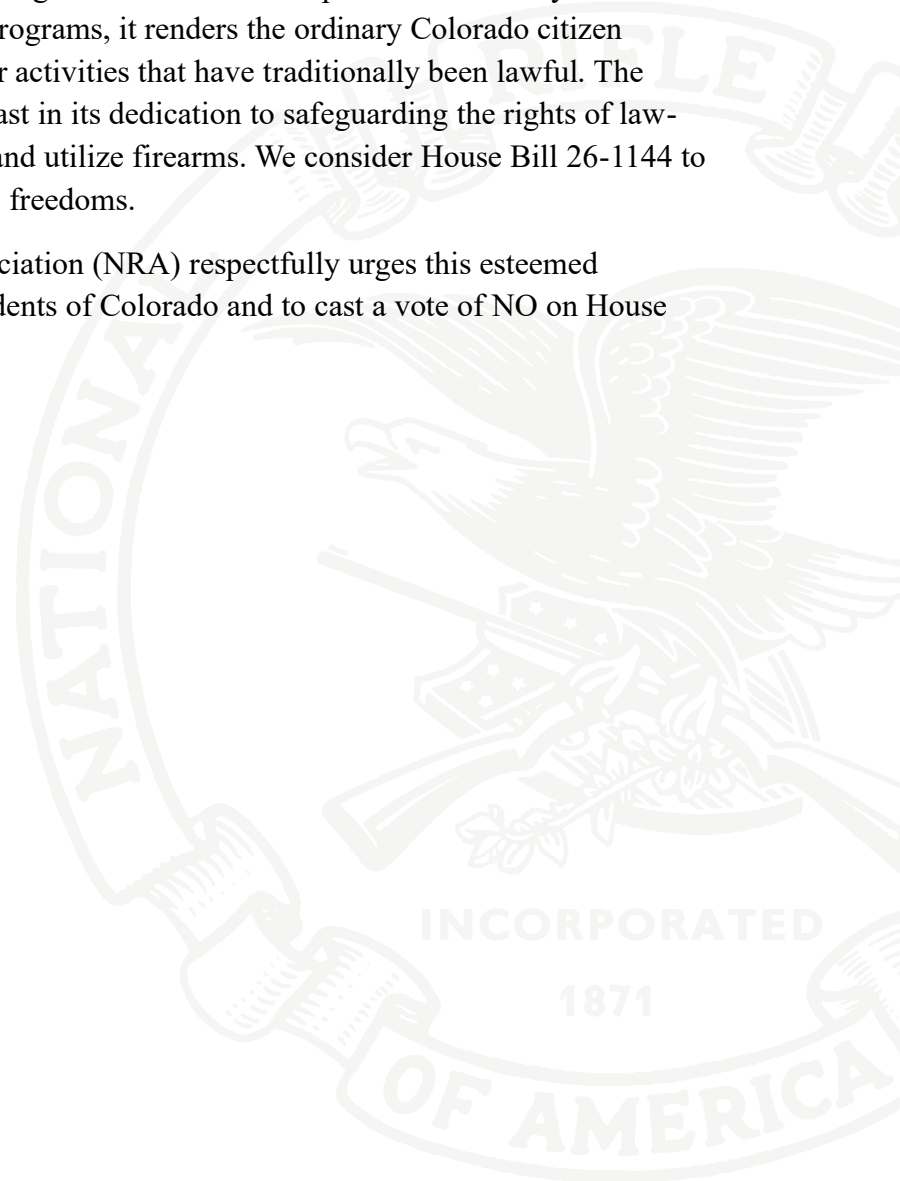
It is also imperative to emphasize that although the bill offers exemptions for federally licensed manufacturers and specific gunsmithing programs, it renders the ordinary Colorado citizen entirely susceptible to criminal charges for activities that have traditionally been lawful. The National Rifle Association remains steadfast in its dedication to safeguarding the rights of law-abiding individuals to purchase, possess, and utilize firearms. We consider House Bill 26-1144 to represent a direct infringement upon these freedoms.

For these reasons, the National Rifle Association (NRA) respectfully urges this esteemed committee to uphold the rights of the residents of Colorado and to cast a vote of NO on House Bill 26-1144.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Curtis

Kelvin Curtis
State Director – Colorado
NRA-ILA



Testimony of Janeh Elias - Batson for HB 1144
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee
In Person
90 seconds - 2 minutes

Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff.
Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Janeh and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.

I am Janeh Elias - Batson and I am a sophomore at Denver East High School. As a woman of color I have seen how gun violence has had a large effect on my communities based on systemic racism and oppression. This issue needs an immediate solution to keep not only minority communities safe but everyone safe. As a gun safety advocate, I care deeply about the integrity of Colorado's gun safety laws. Our state requires background checks to purchase a gun. We don't allow people to have unserialized firearms. You can't purchase a rapid fire device or high capacity magazine in our state. And in general, you have to be an adult to have guns.

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This bill will make it harder for people to get what they need to illegally 3D print guns. If we're serious about our gun safety laws here in Colorado, then we should take seriously the threat that 3D printed firearms pose. Just click-and-print: Any kind of gun, for any kind of person, with any kind of history, at any age. This is not what Colorado stands for, and to protect the progress we've made, we need the updates in this bill. I know what happens when people who shouldn't have guns are able to gain access to them. I learnt this when I lost a classmate in middle school due to children being able to print their own firearms.

This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.

Testimony of Ella Sewell for HB 1144
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee

Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Ella Sewell and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.

I am a student at East high school, a community that has been deeply affected by gun violence. I have personally felt and seen the fear surrounding gun violence, and that is why I have become a gun violence advocate.

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I know what happens when people who shouldn't have guns are able to gain access to them. As a person who goes to a school that has seen the effect of ghost gun shootings, I can decisively say that it is devastating. My community and friends would not have had to deal with the aftermath of this devastating shooting if this bill had already existed. That is why this bill needs to be passed. To keep a potential shooter who should not have a gun from getting one. To keep our community safe.

This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.

Hello Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for reading my testimony today.

My name is Lila DeMuth—I am writing today to urge the committee to support HB-1144, which would effectively ban 3D-printed firearms and accessories in Colorado.

I am a current senior at East High School, a place I have grown to love dearly and which I almost left three years ago (in my freshman year) after it was impacted by multiple acts of gun violence. Since then, in order to protect my own safety and the safety of others in my school and the generations to come, I have been a member of Students Demand Action—a student-led gun violence prevention club.

I am proud to live in a state that has been a leader in gun safety laws, continuously reflecting lawmakers' commitment to protecting the Colorado community. However, with technology advancing so rapidly, the laws have to keep up. It is baffling to me that 3D-printed illegal guns and accessories are still so widely available and easily accessible. Among other issues, this technology increases and facilitates the access to “ghost” (unserialized) weapons, one of the most dangerous types of firearms, as it is untraceable and empowers its wielder to use it without the potential consequence of it being tracked. This threatens any work that has been done to improve and promote gun safety, as it has become a sure way for people to access firearms illegally.

Several other states—California, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Delaware—have addressed the 3D-printing issue with similar laws. We're asking Colorado to follow this example in the fight against gun violence and commit to again being one of the leaders in gun safety.

This bill would expand on Colorado's existing and highly necessary ghost guns law and prohibit 3D printing firearms, unfinished frames and receivers, high-capacity magazines and rapid fire devices. This is simply preventing a loophole that is used to get around the ghost gun law we already have in place and maintaining the standard of safety our preexisting law ensures. It is one of the most—if not *the* most—essential bills up for review in this legislative session.

One of the gun violence incidents in my freshman year was perpetrated by an individual using a ghost gun. Two of our deans were shot in school, during school hours, and the

school was placed on an immediate lockdown. It was one of a few points that year that I feared for my life because of a shooting. I watched my teachers block a door that wouldn't lock with their bodies and thinking that I wouldn't be able to text my mother "goodbye" because I didn't have my phone on me.

This student later took his own life with the same gun. Had he not been able to get his hands on this 3D-printed gun, the outcome of this entire situation could have been vastly different, as it is one of the easiest ways, and for some the *only* way, to obtain a gun illegally. After this incident and the death of one student, the injury of two staff members, and fear and traumatization of over 2,000 students due to a 3D- printed gun, not to mention the presence of a 3D-printed gun at the Club Q mass shooting, there should be absolutely no question as to the necessity of a bill like this one.

I appreciate you reading and considering my testimony. Thank you so much for your time and for the opportunity to share my experience.

Testimony of Lauren Hopper for HB 1144
Volunteer with Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America
Colorado Senate State, Veterans, & Military Affairs Committee
In Person
90 seconds - 2 minutes

Good afternoon Chair Wallace, Vice Chair Sullivan, Committee members, and staff. Thank you for hearing my testimony today.

My name is Lauren Hopper and I am here today to urge the committee to support HB 1144, a bill to address 3D printed firearms and accessories in our state.

I am a current student at East High School. Our school is not unfamiliar with gun violence. On multiple occasions in the past four years, shootings have occurred at our school that have been committed using a 3D-printed ghost gun.

As a gun safety advocate, I care deeply about the integrity of Colorado's gun safety laws. Our state requires background checks to purchase a gun. We don't allow people to have unserialized firearms. You can't purchase a rapid fire device or high capacity magazine in our state. And in general, you have to be an adult to have guns.

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I know what happens when people who shouldn't have guns are able to gain access to them. For example, the Club Q shooter who wounded 19 individuals committed this act with a gun primarily made of ghost gun parts. Had this bill been put in place prior to this event, these individuals would not have suffered. Additionally, my own high school has been traumatized by the actions of individuals who have been able to acquire firearms through 3D printers, making students genuinely afraid to step into school everyday, wondering if one of their peers had gone home the day prior and manufactured a lethal weapon with the intention to end someone's life.

This concludes my testimony in support of HB 1144. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be here today.