

My name is Linda Beigel Schulman and I want to speak to you about the banning of Ghost Guns.

The banning of "Ghost Guns" is of paramount importance to the safety of all the people who live in the United States. For those who do not know, Ghost Guns are Do It Yourself (DIY) guns. What do I mean by a DIY gun? Simply this. A person can go on-line to any number of websites and buy all of the components of a firearm. These components can then be assembled into a fully operational AR-15. The cost...under \$1000.00. The time... can be as little as 30 minutes. Do you think this is just some hype?

Here are a couple of websites for you to explore.

Ghostguns.com. On ghostguns.com, they sell "starter kits" to kits for fully functional AK-47, AR-15 and so many others. They will also sell you the jigs and tools necessary to make the few modifications to the parts to make the "kit" an operational firearm.

How about going to **JSDSupply.com** where they have as one of their selling points, "With any other guns, you go to the gun store, fill out a bunch of forms. They'll run a background check, and depending on your state, you could wait awhile.

The best part of their sales pitch is "With JSD Supply, you'll have the 80% lower receiver and all the parts needed to finish a firearm yourself shipped to your door. No paperwork and without serialization, there is no way to track your purchase".

JSD wants to make your purchase of an untraceable firearm as easy as possible. You can shop by Category where you will find kits for a glock, AR-10, AR-15 and other firearms. If you know the specific brand, you can shop that way also. Believe it or not, JSD will let you

know where there are gun shows so you can actually see and examine your future ghost gun before you purchase it.

These are only two of the websites that market "Ghost Guns". If you are not satisfied with the price or selection or delivery time from Ghostguns.com or JSDSupply.com, you always shop around to websites like **ghostrifles.com** or **uspatriotarmy.com** or **glockghost.com** or **everygunpart.com**.

Get the point...There are hundreds, if not thousands, of websites where anyone can purchase a kit to assemble a fully workable firearm.

This is insanity!!!

The only people who would be interested in purchasing this untraceable firearm is someone who cannot pass a background check or someone who intends to commit a crime knowing that the firearm cannot be traced back to them.

How important is it to close this loophole? Over the last 20 plus years, the Federal Government has taken no action on meaningful gun safety legislation whatsoever. On April 7, 2021, I was invited by President Biden to the Rose Garden at the White House where the President announced his "Initial Actions to the Gun Violence Health Epidemic".

Do you want to know how important President Biden feels about the banning of "Ghost Guns"? The very first initiative outlined by the White House was for the Justice Department, within 30 days, to issue a proposed rule to help stop the proliferation of "ghost guns."

This is a great FIRST STEP. But as we have learned over the prior four years, executive actions or orders can be rescinded by the next occupant of the White House. We need legislation to ban ghost guns and we need it now!!!

In New York, that legislation has already passed the New York State Senate. On May 19, 2021, the legislation was voted out of the New York State Assembly Codes Committee and is awaiting a final vote in the Assembly. The legislation consists of two separate bills. There is the Jose Webster Untraceable Firearms Act (A00613) and the Scott J Beigel Unfinished Receiver Act (A02666) which is named after my son Scott, the Geography Teacher and Cross-Country Coach murdered at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland Florida.

Over the last decade, New York State has always been a leader when it came to enacting reasonable and sensible gun safety legislation. New York is taking the lead again with legislation to ban "Ghost Guns".

It is time for the Federal Government to follow suit. I have said numerous times that "we all have the right to be safe from senseless and preventable gun violence." Banning "Ghost Guns" is reasonable gun safety legislation that will do just that.

Thank you.

