3D Printed Gun Safety Act of 2019

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This law would prohibit the publication of 3D printer plans for the printing of firearms. Because 3D printing allows individuals to make their own firearms out of plastic, they may be able to evade detection by metal detectors at security checkpoints. This increases the risk that a firearm will be used to commit violence on an airplane or other areas where people congregate. The ability to print guns using a 3D printer also increases the risk that people prohibited from possessing firearms under Federal law will obtain a firearm. If the schematics for 3D printing firearms are available online, people intending to commit gun crimes may create untraceable firearms.

By making illegal the publication of certain computer codes that can be used automatically to program 3D printers and create firearms—the only means of combating this unique threat—Congress seeks not to regulate the rights of computer programmers under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, but rather to curb the harmful effects of untraceable and potentially undetectable firearms.

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