

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Written Testimony HB 4147

Dear Representatives of Oregon:

We're Portland State University Students for Concealed Carry (PSUSCC). PSUSCC is a student club that was officially launched a little over a month ago, and now has 33 members as of 02-03-16. Our members have found an incredibly diverse group of people who all share an interest and a passion for the sport of shooting and the Second Amendment. We are from diverse racial, religious, and socio-economic backgrounds; we are men, women, conservatives, and liberals; we are straight, bisexual, gay, and lesbian; we are survivors of sexual assault, veterans, older adults with incredible life experiences, and young adults just beginning our careers. What unites us is our firm belief that self-defense an unalienable human right, and our commitment to safe, responsible gun-ownership.

## **We're 100% opposed to HB 4147<sup>1</sup> and urge you to VOTE NO**

The background check system in Oregon is flawed and needs to be fixed. For 8,000 Oregonians last year, they received a delay in purchasing a firearm. 95% of them were false positives<sup>2</sup>. The vast majority of violent criminals do not purchase firearms through legal means<sup>3 4</sup>. HB 4147 is clearly a solution in search of a problem.

We need forward thinking, compassionate solutions that address the real causes of violent crime and create lasting, positive changes for Oregonians. HB 4147 will not achieve this. Meanwhile, violent criminals will continue to get guns the way they always have: on the black market.

We will be watching how you vote on HB 4147. While our members come from all over the political spectrum, we all believe that it is our leaders' responsibility to protect our rights as Oregon citizens, and believe in using our voting power to hold our leaders accountable for their decisions come November.

Thank you,

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1 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2016R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/HB4147/Introduced>

2 [http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/01/gun\\_laws\\_oregon\\_democrats.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2016/01/gun_laws_oregon_democrats.html)

3 <https://www.nraila.org/articles/20150904/study-criminals-don-t-get-guns-from-legal-sources>

4 Philip J. Cook, Susan T. Parker, Harold A. Pollack. Sources of guns to dangerous people: What we learn by asking them. *Preventive Medicine*, 2015; 79: 28 DOI: [10.1016/j.ypmed.2015.04.021](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2015.04.021)