

Once again, it is essential to risk being regarded, a priori, as callous, uncaring and perhaps even uncivil, in order to assert my right to be heard on behalf of myself and other Oregon residents who do nothing illegal and immoral in owning firearms. To the rational citizen, HB 4145 is clearly arbitrary, discriminatory, and a violation of personal constitutional rights. It is yet another in a long series of attempts to impose the will of a clique of local politicians and out of state money-slingers on the majority of law abiding Oregon firearms owners. Its confiscatory purpose is obvious in that it, like its predecessors, propose no practical solutions to guarantee the safety of hypothetical complainants. Further, it is a potentially vengeful tool which also, as clearly worded, goes beyond the presumption of guilt until innocence can be proven to establishing and maintaining a prejudicial environment for appeal by the accused. In consideration of the fact that, even when suspicions exist, tragic incidents can and do arise because of the inability or failure of authorities to act in a timely manner, perhaps we should devote more serious efforts to devising ways for legislators, law enforcement and responsible weapons owners to cooperate in dealing with the problem, rather than continuing to regard each other with suspicion and distrust. Please consider the cures that have been suggested. This cancer will not be defeated by placing a greater legal burden on the innocent. In the meantime, I urge you to reject HB 4145. Thank you. Very truly yours, Charles Heil, Sherwood, Oregon 97140, 503-625-0274.