

I urge lawmakers to vote YES on HB4145. We know from looking at other countries and states with strict gun laws (e.g. New York, Connecticut) that fewer guns in circulation leads to fewer deaths from gun violence. The data on this is very clear from a variety of sources and studies. Simply put, this law will save many lives, and in doing so, some people will be unable to purchase a gun. We as a society need to start to accept that a very small set of people with unique circumstances being unable to purchase a firearm is a small price to pay for keeping people alive.

No citizen should have to live in fear, and people who have been abused by a domestic partner already live in fear every day. The Attorney General of Oregon's letter written by Erin Greenwald lays out the facts very clearly of the risks already posed to victims of domestic violence. Those abusers do not have a right to kill, which is what many will do when they have a gun accessible to them. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment calls for a well-regulated militia to have the right to bear arms; it does not call for those proven to be violent to innocent people to have the right to bear arms. It is not a right guarantee to all citizens, nor should it be.

Protect the citizens of Oregon and vote Yes.

Sincerely,

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