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HB4145

Good morning members of the House Committee on Judiciary.

I am writing you in concern and opposition of proposed HB 4145, and asking that you strongly oppose it as well. Yet another proposed gun bill that will not lower crime, leave citizens unable to protect themselves, and cost the the tax payer more in unneeded fees. This proposed bill doubles the time a citizen must wait to receive a "permit" to attempt to purchase a firearm. A constitutional right delayed, is a right denied. This bill also places a dramatic increase in fees and is no doubt another example of lawmakers lack of compassion for low income Oregonians, the people most likely to live in high crime areas.

The bill also provides exemptions to the permit requirements and magazine bans for retired law enforcement officers. Under this bill, former probation officers and others will have rights that ordinary citizens may no longer exercise. Furthermore, Oregon's Constitution specifically notes: Section 20. Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens. No law shall be passed granting to any citizen or class of citizens privileges, or immunities, which, upon the same terms, shall not equally belong to all citizens. Representatives should be demanding an amendment to remove the provision that protects one class of citizens while still the rights of another. This bill is a proverbial kick in the teeth to every law abiding gun owner who will receive second class citizen status because they are not retired police.

Please oppose this bill, and let's have our State Congress focus on real issues that effect Oregonians like lowering taxes, and regulations on small businesses, or real steps to solve the never-ending homeless and meth camp crisis, not try and hamper law abiding citizens further. Thank you for your time.