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My name is James Shannon, and I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 4145.

HB 4145 continues to restrict standard capacity magazines, which are factory-standard equipment for most modern firearms and are commonly owned and lawfully used by millions of Americans, including many Oregonians. These magazines are not unusual, specialized, or inherently dangerous—they are the standard configuration designed and sold by manufacturers for reliability, safety, and lawful use.

The bill raises several serious concerns to me.

First, HB 4145 creates unequal treatment under the law. It provides broad exemptions for active and retired law enforcement officers to possess and use standard capacity magazines, including for off-duty and personal use. If these magazines are considered too dangerous for ordinary citizens, there is no rational justification for allowing them for recreational or defensive use by a select class. Laws impacting constitutional rights should apply equally to all citizens.

Second, the bill imposes additional financial and administrative burdens on lawful gun owners. Increased permit fees in this case a obvious act of trying to double proposed fees and make ownership in general only for the rich, increased training costs making people actually less safe, and extended processing timelines function as barriers to exercising a constitutional right. These burdens disproportionately impact low-income individuals, rural residents, and those who may rely on firearms for personal or family protection.

Third, there is no clear evidence that restricting standard capacity magazines improves public safety. Criminals already ignore magazine restrictions. Meanwhile, law-abiding citizens—who comply with the law—are the ones affected. Public policy should be evidence-based and focused on measurable outcomes, not assumptions or political agendas.

Fourth, HB 4145 expands subjective discretion in the permitting process, increasing the risk of inconsistent or uneven enforcement across jurisdictions. Vague or discretionary standards undermine fairness, predictability, and equal protection under the law. This entire this is flawed from square one and is a disgrace to political figures pushing it.

Finally, this bill materially alters previously "voter-approved" Measures without returning those changes to the voters. Regardless of one’s position on Measure 114, significant expansions or rewrites of a ballot initiative should be decided by the public, not accelerated through legislative action. The inclusion of an emergency clause further limits public input and transparency on an issue that directly affects constitutional rights showing how obvious it is this is meritless and simply trying to piggyback it on something that had traction but is also a failure and constitutional rights nightmare. Measure 114.

In summary, HB 4145 restricts standard capacity magazines that are widely owned and commonly used for lawful purposes, creates unequal classes of citizens, raises barriers to compliance, and lacks clear evidence of improved public safety.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose HB 4145