

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

My name is Kate Shannon. I am a mother, a woman, and an Oregonian, and I strongly oppose HB 4145.

This bill restricts standard capacity magazines that are factory-standard, widely owned, and commonly used for lawful self-defense. As a mother, my responsibility is to protect my children. HB 4145 makes that harder for law-abiding women while doing nothing to stop criminals who already ignore these laws.

HB 4145 also creates unequal classes of citizens by exempting active and retired law enforcement officers for off-duty and personal use. My safety and my children's safety should not be treated as less important than anyone else's.

The bill raises costs, delays, and bureaucratic barriers, which disproportionately affect women, single parents, and families living paycheck to paycheck. A constitutional right should not depend on income or government delay.

There is no clear evidence that restricting standard capacity magazines improves public safety. This bill burdens responsible families instead of addressing violent behavior.

For these reasons, I urge you to strongly oppose HB 4145.

Thank you.