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WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HB 4145

Oregon House Committee on Judiciary

83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly

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Dear Chairman and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong opposition to HB 4145. As a certified NRA instructor and law-abiding Oregon citizen, I urge you to reject this unconstitutional measure. The permit-to-purchase system violates the Second Amendment by requiring government permission to exercise a fundamental right. The Supreme Court's Bruen decision makes clear that firearm regulations must be consistent with our Nation's historical tradition—and there is no historical precedent for requiring law-abiding citizens to obtain permits before purchasing firearms. A 60-day waiting period endangers citizens facing immediate threats, while the magazine capacity ban prohibits standard equipment used by millions of Americans for lawful self-defense.

HB 4145 will have zero impact on criminals who ignore laws, don't apply for permits, and don't limit their magazine capacity. This measure only burdens law-abiding Oregonians. Oregon already has universal background checks, extreme risk protection orders, prohibited person categories, and strong penalties for illegal gun use. We don't need additional regulations that restrict constitutional rights without improving public safety.

Rather than attempting to implement a measure that has been enjoined by courts due to serious constitutional concerns, the legislature should repeal Ballot Measure 114 entirely. Delaying implementation to 2028 doesn't fix constitutional problems—it only postpones the inevitable legal conflicts while wasting taxpayer resources. I respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 4145 and focus instead on enforcing existing laws.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Killingsworth