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On Behalf Of:

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HB4145

To the Judiciary Committee:

Why has public testimony on this bill been limited to 3 hours before the Committee meets? Throttling public input like this is not only unethical but also illegal.

As you know, 4145 implements the restrictions in MZ 114, which also contains carve-outs for retired law enforcement. That includes probation officers. ?My question is this: Why would any retired officer of the law need a high-capacity magazine, when supposedly those magazines are “weapons of war” and would be illegal otherwise?

Moreover, Section 20 of Oregon’s Constitution (Equality of privileges and immunities of citizens) specifically states:

“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.”

It sounds to me as if these retired law-enforcement exemptions blatantly violate our Constitution. (Not that I have anything against law enforcement personnel. My son, after all, is a police officer.) But then (as I’m sure you have seen), when have Democrats ever missed an opportunity to ignore or violate the Constitution?

Finally, by extending the permit processing time from 30 to 60 days and raising permit fees by 130% (from \$65 to \$150), this bill makes it even more difficult to obtain a firearm legally. Bills and laws of this sort have already been declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. Why even bother adding to that list? It’s time to stop whittling away at the Second Amendment in Oregon and start honoring it instead.

Sincerely,

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