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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your work in the Legislature. I appreciate the concern you have for the safety of Oregonians.

With that in mind, while I generally oppose the bill and its licensing plan and do not think it will increase safety, I want to specifically oppose the new carve-out in this version of the bill for some citizens - former law enforcement - that would not apply to all citizens. This seems to be against Oregon's constitution which states:

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.?

This bill would grant some citizens privileges / immunities that other citizens do not have. With the former law enforcement exception, to be consistent, we would need a clause that allows all citizens to apply for the same privilege law enforcement has. Please remove this clause, and also please consider scrapping the bill entirely.

I appreciate your attention.