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Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. I am here to respectfully oppose Oregon Measure 114 and House Bill 4145.

I believe these policies, while well-intended, place an undue burden on law-abiding Oregonians without addressing the root causes of violent crime. Public safety is a shared goal, but it must be pursued in a way that is effective, constitutional, and equitable.

Measure 114 and HB 4145 shift focus away from criminals who misuse firearms and instead impose complex requirements, delays, and uncertainty on citizens who follow the law. These measures risk creating unequal access to a constitutional right based on geography, administrative capacity, and discretionary decision-making, rather than objective standards.

Additionally, expanding regulatory frameworks without clear evidence of effectiveness diverts limited state resources from strategies that are proven to reduce violence—such as enforcing existing laws, targeting repeat violent offenders, supporting mental health services, and investing in community-based prevention.

Oregonians deserve policies that are clear, enforceable, and fair. Laws that are difficult to implement, inconsistently applied, or vulnerable to legal challenge ultimately undermine public trust and do not make our communities safer.

I urge you to reconsider these approaches and instead pursue solutions that focus on criminal behavior, respect constitutional rights, and genuinely improve safety for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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