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HB4145

This bill doubles the amount of time an individual must wait to receive a permit to even attempt to purchase a firearm, while simultaneously increasing fees across the board. These delays and cost increases do nothing to improve public safety, but they do place significant burdens on law-abiding citizens who are simply exercising a constitutional right.

The dramatic increase in fees is yet another example of so-called “compassion” for low-income Oregonians. The people most impacted by this bill are those who can least afford it, individuals and families who often live in higher-crime areas and may seek a firearm for personal protection. By making the process slower and more expensive, HB 4145 effectively denies access based on income.

Additionally, this bill creates unequal classes of citizens under the law. It grants special exemptions from permit requirements and magazine restrictions to retired law-enforcement officers. Under HB 4145, former probation officers and other retired government employees will retain rights that ordinary citizens may no longer exercise. Rights should not depend on prior employment with the government.

Public safety should be addressed through fair, effective, and constitutional measures not by pricing people out of their rights or carving out special privileges for select groups. For these reasons, I urge lawmakers to oppose House Bill 4145.

Respectfully,

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