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I have been a law abiding citizen of the state of Oregon since 2004 and am disappointed in the move by some elected officials to dismantle the state constitution by attempting to strip us of our right to own a firearm in Oregon. While the language of Measure 114, SB 243, and now HB 4145 do not state that the intent is to ban all firearm ownership, the groundwork is very clearly being set by these attempts. HB 4145 actually calls for the development and maintenance of a database of all permit holders which would provide the state with an easy step to confiscation. The undo burden on law abiding citizens to get a permit to purchase is unreasonable and unconstitutional. Additionally, the only citizens who would follow these rules will be the law abiding citizens, the ones who will not commit the crimes that the supporters are saying is the reason for these bills. I have strong concerns over some of the language included, such as:

PG 2, LINES 42, 43: a permit to purchase can be denied or based on the applicant's mental and psychological state but how would the permit agent have knowledge of this?

PG 3, LINES 7, 8: It is insulting that this bill requires the applicant to submit photo identification and puts a burden of proof on them to prove who they are just to apply for a permit yet to vote there hardly any requirement or burden to prove one's identity.

PG 4, lines 32, 33: The creation of a database of all permit holders puts gun owners at risk due to the likelihood of a data breach leading to exposure of information. This database can expose owners to both criminal entities and radical anti-gun people who would seek to dox or exposure an owner. This database is likely the first step to confiscation.

RE: Requiring that any challenge of this bill be only heard in Marion County is grossly unlawful and indicates the intent to restrict any opposition.

RE: Large Capacity Magazine ban is absurd and will result in essentially banning a significant number of standard firearms that have more than 10 rounds as a standard.

In summary, once again this kind of bill is not targeting the criminal elements but targeting the law abiding citizens. Do not destroy our rights anymore than you have.

I'm in strong opposition to this unconstitutional trampling of our rights are both Oregonians and US Citizens.