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On Behalf Of:
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I oppose HB 4145

Once again, this legislation appears to have been negotiated behind closed doors, with little regard for transparency or public participation. The rushed nature of the process is evident: a public hearing announced over a weekend, followed by only a single day of testimony, strongly suggests an effort to limit meaningful public input. This bill places new burdens on responsible, law-abiding citizens while failing to address the behavior of criminals. Individuals who commit violent crimes do not follow legal purchasing processes; they obtain firearms through illegal means. Measures like those proposed in this bill, and in similar gun control efforts, do little to deter criminal activity.

Requiring taxpayers to spend additional money simply to exercise a constitutional right is unreasonable and unfair. A more effective approach would focus on stronger enforcement of existing laws and increased penalties for those who commit crimes, rather than restricting the rights of responsible citizens.

Again, I strongly OPPOSE HB 4145