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On Behalf Of:
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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Trenton McNally, and I am an Oregon resident speaking in opposition to HB 4145 and the continued expansion of Measure 114.

I want to be clear: I support public safety and responsible firearm ownership. I believe our communities deserve to feel safe, and I believe laws should be effective, fair, and applied equally. Unfortunately, HB 4145 moves us further away from those principles.

This bill proposes three major changes that raise serious concerns.

First, increasing the permit-to-purchase fee from \$65 to \$150 creates a financial barrier that disproportionately impacts working-class Oregonians. Constitutional rights should not depend on income. This fee increase does not improve safety, training, or accountability, it simply prices people out of exercising a lawful right, particularly those in rural and underserved communities who may rely on firearms for self-defense.

Second, extending the permit issuance timeline from 30 days to 60 days places an unnecessary delay on individuals who are already required to pass background checks and training requirements. This delay does not address criminal misuse of firearms. Instead, it affects law-abiding citizens, including those seeking protection due to credible threats, domestic violence concerns, or unsafe living situations. A right delayed is a right denied.

Third, the proposed 10-round magazine capacity limit, while exempting certain law enforcement individuals, raises concerns about fairness and equal application of the law. If a 10-round limit is considered sufficient for public safety, then it should apply equally. Creating exemptions for government agents while restricting civilians sends the message that ordinary citizens are less trusted with their own safety. Public safety should not be based on a two-tiered system of rights.

There is also little evidence that magazine capacity limits reduce violent crime. These restrictions primarily affect responsible owners, not individuals who intend to break the law. Criminals, by definition, do not follow magazine restrictions or permit processes.

HB 4145 expands the burdens of Measure 114 without addressing the root causes of

violence such as mental health access, community intervention, economic instability, and enforcement of existing laws. These are the areas where legislative effort would make a meaningful difference.

I respectfully urge this committee to reconsider HB 4145 and its proposed changes. Laws should be effective, equitable, and focused on real solutions not symbolic measures that erode trust and limit the rights of responsible Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and for allowing me to speak today.