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HB4145

As an Oregon resident committed to constitutional rights and personal freedom, I strongly oppose House Bill 4145 (2026) and Ballot Measure 114 (2022). These measures blatantly violate the Second Amendment, burden law-abiding citizens, and fail to improve safety while disarming the innocent.

The Second Amendment declares: “the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.” In *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* (2022), the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that gun laws must align with America’s historical tradition of firearm regulation—no modern burdens on self-defense without clear founding-era analogues. Measure 114 and HB 4145 fail this test miserably.

Measure 114 mandates permits for firearm purchases (with fingerprints, fees, classes, and live-fire training) and bans magazines over 10 rounds. This permit scheme acts as a prior restraint on a core constitutional right, lacking historical precedent and creating delays that leave people defenseless—especially in rural areas like Central Oregon. The magazine ban targets arms “in common use” for lawful self-defense, hunting, and sport—protected under Bruen—without sufficient historical justification.

HB 4145 doesn’t fix these violations; it entrenches them. It delays the permit requirement to January 1, 2028, doubles processing time to 60 days, hikes fees from \$65 to \$150, and adds broad exemptions for law enforcement (including retired officers). This creates unequal treatment, a de facto registry, and regressive barriers that infringe on the right to acquire arms for self-defense—all without historical basis. Delaying an unconstitutional law doesn’t make it constitutional; it just prolongs the erosion of rights.

These policies don’t reduce crime—similar restrictions elsewhere show no meaningful impact on violence—but they empower criminals who ignore laws while stripping responsible Oregonians of self-defense tools. Our state’s heritage of hunting, outdoor life, and self-reliance hangs in the balance.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4145 outright and push to fully repeal Measure 114. Focus on real solutions: mental health resources, community policing, and enforcing existing laws—not unconstitutional restrictions that violate the Second Amendment and disarm the law-abiding.

Sincerely,

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