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On Behalf Of:

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HB4145

My name is Marci Gerston. I am writing in support of House Bill 4145.

The State of Oregon has already taken steps through Measure 114 to enact a "permit to purchase" law to address the public health and safety threat that guns present. The provisions of HB 4145 create a smoother, more workable permitting process when the Measure is put into practice.

The permitting system is similar to systems in 13 other states. By enacting the changes in HB 4145, Oregonians will be able to experience the advantages that millions of other Americans enjoy, including the lower rates of firearm homicide, firearm suicide, and firearm trafficking that research has shown are associated with this type of system.

The provisions in this bill will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments to more efficiently and effectively implement life-saving gun violence prevention laws. I urge you to lead our state toward a future free from gun violence by advancing this bill. Thank you.