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I am writing today to ask you to support HB 4145. In 2022, I was among the majority of Oregon voters who voted for Measure 114 to enact a statewide requirement to get a permit to purchase firearms.

My grandson was just 10 years old when he took his own life with a gun. Although this bill will do nothing to bring Micheal back, I feel strongly that whatever we can do reduce the easy access to firearms will protect others from these senseless tragedies. Requiring a thorough background check, training and a permit in order to purchase a firearm are common sense steps that should be taken. Research has shown that similar laws in other states have reduced both homicide and suicide rates.

This bill includes a number of technical fixes to allow law enforcement to efficiently process permits. The Legislature should ensure that the system can get up and running smoothly by passing HB 4145.