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HB4145

First, I want you to know that I'm a registered Democratic Party member, and a gun owner. My family and I live in Portland, and we have a pride flag hanging outside our home. We have two kids, and two fur babies.

When M114 came to the ballot, I voted no. When I saw the results, it was clear to me it was basically another referendum for Oregon. I was surprised to see the continued and relentless efforts to give away more and more of our constitutional rights, to police. A 49/51 split is not a mandate.

I'm frustrated and flabbergasted to see HB 4145 be presented, as an emergency measure, considering current events. Surely a rational person would see the rise of fascism and erosion of personal freedoms, and start to wonder where this train ends. Why do the authors of this measure want to prohibit new gun owners from the current capabilities that? Do the authors prefer us to be defenseless while waiting for a permission slip? What is this unknown emergency that should move us to support an immediate implementation? Why should a retired cop deserve to carry more bullets than my wife? These are the questions that have me questioning my party.

As a father of two children, and husband, and I cannot fathom why this specific issue is top of mind for our party, or our State. I also don't know how I will tell my children, that the party I voted for decided to strip away their constitutional rights when they were toddlers, during the rise of a fascist, while nurses and children were being teargassed, and while our local police just sat idly by.