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On Behalf Of:  
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I oppose HB 4145.

HB 4145 relies on enforcement against law-abiding people, not criminals. Those who commit violent crimes will not comply with additional regulations. Enforcement will therefore focus on compliant citizens, producing paperwork violations rather than safety improvements.

The bill also diverts public resources—staff time, enforcement effort, and administrative cost—away from targeting repeat violent offenders and illegal activity. That is a poor use of limited state resources.

In addition, the burdens imposed by HB 4145 fall hardest on rural residents, lower-income Oregonians, and the elderly, who face greater costs, travel burdens, and delays. Rights should not depend on income or geography.

This legislation clearly states in Section 2 its intent to subvert the Second Amendment to The Constitution For The United States Of America, as well as Article 1, Section 27, of the Oregon Constitution by altering ORS 166.500 with the false claim, "...that regulation of sale, purchase and otherwise transferring of all firearms and restriction of the manufacture, import, sale, purchase, transfer, use and possession of ammunition magazines to those that hold no more than 10 rounds will promote the public health and safety of the residents of this state..." These statements obviously contradict the immortal words, "Shall Not Be Infringed," and "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defense [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power."

Finally, the hearing was not listed on OLIS until last Monday morning, denying many citizens a fair opportunity to participate.

HB 4145 is ineffective, inequitable, and procedurally flawed. It should be rejected.

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