

Optional Template:

"Please support House Bill 4145. The Second Amendment was created in 1791. That was more than two centuries ago. Guns used single shots and took up to 5 minutes to reload and fire. Now, automatic guns can easily fire 30 rounds in a single full-automatic burst. Guns are now much more dangerous than they used to be, yet the Second Amendment is the same. These two things must evolve together, and if they do not, the lives lost will only increase. Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon, and the leading cause nationwide. We can and must do better, and we made great progress when we enacted a permit to purchase law in 2022. The provisions in this bill will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments across the state to implement life-saving gun violence prevention laws to the best of their ability. I urge you to lead our state toward a future free from gun violence by doing your part to advance this bill. Thank you."