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Please support House Bill 4145.

My name is Hazel West and I am a 17 year-old girl at Lake Oswego High School. Everyday I walk into school and I see these "bullet proof" security doors that are meant to keep us safe. I don't feel safe here. There is rarely campus security and when he is here, I still don't feel safe. Kids are getting shot everyday and there is nothing happening to fix it. 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.