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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

Dear Judiciary Committee,

As a pediatrician I have seen too many gun tragedies to keep silent about the prolonged battle over Measure 114. It was clearly the will of the people--but the minority is

doing all sorts of tricks to circumvent it. When the effect of reasonable safe gun laws has been studied, the results are overwhelmingly life-saving. As well as preventive of the terrible psychological toll these tragedies inflict on kids (& adults, too). These studies fall into 3 categories:

1. A permit to purchase a firearm is one of the best ways to prevent firearm suicide. We know that putting space between a person and a gun when they are suicidal can save a life.
2. Banning large capacity magazines helps prevents more deaths in mass shootings--which Oregonians have seen..
3. If every gun sold has a completed background check. we are safer: HB 4145 would close the loophole that allows gun sales before a background check is completed if it takes longer than 3 days.

thank you, Dr Virginia Feldman MD FAAP Portland, Oregon 97219