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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

While this bill is presented as a "fix" for the implementation of Measure 114, it creates several new and significant burdens for law-abiding Oregonians while failing to address the fundamental constitutional concerns currently being litigated in our courts. I urge you to vote "No" on this measure for the following reasons:

Financial and Administrative Barriers: HB 4145 more than doubles the maximum permit fee (from \$65 to \$150) and doubles the time law enforcement has to process applications (from 30 to 60 days). These changes create a "pay-to-play" system that disproportionately affects low-income Oregonians seeking to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

Inequity in the Law: The bill creates broad exemptions for active and retired law enforcement regarding the large-capacity magazine ban, even for off-duty or recreational use. I believe that all citizens should be equal under the law; creating a "tiered" system of citizenship where one class of people maintains rights that are denied to the general public is fundamentally unfair.

Restriction of Legal Recourse: By requiring all legal challenges to this Act to be filed exclusively in Marion County, the bill creates a geographic and financial hurdle for Oregonians in rural or distant counties to seek judicial relief.

Lack of Public Mandate: Many of these changes, including the increased costs and subjective denial standards, were not part of the original ballot measure approved by voters. Using a legislative "emergency clause" to bypass standard implementation and public scrutiny is a concerning use of power.

I ask that you protect the rights of all your constituents by opposing HB 4145. Thank you.