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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am writing in support of HB 4145.

There are three reasons why:

First, banning large capacity magazines will help keep Oregonians safe and put an end to mass shootings.

Second, one of the best ways to prevent firearm suicide is to require a permit before you purchase a gun. Putting space between a person and a gun when they are suicidal can save a life. US Census data shows that suicide by firearm is a significant cause of death in Oregon especially among older men.

Third, HB 4145 will close the loophole that allows gun sales before a background check is completed. Every gun sold should have a completed background check even if it takes longer than 3 days.