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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
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To: House Committee on Judiciary

Regarding: HB 4145, Modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114 (2022)

Position: Support

I support the passage of HB 4145. It provides clarification of the permitting process that is part of Ballot Measure 114, passed by voters in 2022.

As a mom of a young child and a former public school worker, I worry that every day that we wait to implement Ballot Measure 114 is another day that a tragedy can take place. Ballot Measure 114 will prevent mass shootings and suicide deaths. My cousin completed suicide with a gun and I miss him immensely. I have also had to be present in kindergarten classrooms when they are being taught about how to respond to an active shooter event. That is wrong, plain and simple, and we voters decided to do something about it in 2022.

The clarification that HB 4145 offers is not very controversial – these are just making the actual process of implementing Measure 114 easier and less bogged down. Many of the testimonies that oppose HB 4145 are not actually opposing the clarifications, but Measure 114 itself. But Oregonians already passed Measure 114, and the courts are dealing with the constitutionality concerns.

Let's move forward with a clearer understanding of the provisions of Ballot Measure 114, and vote yes for HB 4145.

Thank you.

Laura Powers