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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I strongly oppose HB 4145.

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Additionally, why would citizens need to obtain a permit to exercise a Constitutional right. I do not need a permit to speak freely, even against the government. I do not need a permit to exercise my right to worship as I choose, I do not need a permit to secure in my house, paper, and effect, against unreasonable searches and seizures? No, I do not. Then why do I as law-abiding citizen need to have a permit from the government to exercise my right to keep and bear arms--a right which allows me to protect the other rights enumerated in the Constitution. A right to protect myself, my family, and friends from those who would do us harm and from the tyranny of a government which is seeking to erode my rights at every turn.

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HB 4145 should be rejected.

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