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

My name is Andrew Philpott, and I am a resident of Oregon City in Clackamas County. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to HB 4145. While the bill is presented as a "clean-up" for Ballot Measure 114, it introduces new provisions that further infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding Oregonians and creates an inequitable system of justice.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

#### 1. Creation of a "Two-Tiered" System of Rights

HB 4145 carves out sweeping exemptions for active and retired law enforcement officers regarding the permit-to-purchase requirement and the ban on large-capacity magazines. This applies even to off-duty and recreational use. By granting special privileges to a specific class of citizens while denying those same rights to the general public, the legislature is signaling that certain lives or rights are more valuable than others. Constitutional rights should apply equally to all citizens.

#### 2. Unreasonable Delays and Increased Bureaucracy

This bill doubles the statutory time for law enforcement to process a permit from 30 days to 60 days. In practice, without a "shall-issue" enforcement mechanism, this could lead to indefinite delays. A 60-day waiting period—on top of existing background check queues—effectively prevents law-abiding citizens from exercising their right to self-defense in a timely manner, especially those facing immediate threats.

#### 3. Financial Barriers for Vulnerable Oregonians

HB 4145 nearly triples the permit fees from \$65 to \$150 (with \$110 for renewals). These costs, combined with the required training courses, create a "pay-to-play" system. This disproportionately affects low-income individuals living in high-crime areas who may need a firearm for protection but are priced out by state-mandated fees.

#### 4. Expansion of Subjective Denial Standards

The bill allows for permit denials based on subjective law enforcement judgment rather than objective criminal history. This lack of a clear standard increases the risk of implicit bias and discrimination against individuals based on their political views, race, or neighborhood.

Conclusion

HB 4145 does not address the root causes of violent crime; instead, it targets the pocketbooks and patience of law-abiding citizens. It goes far beyond the original scope of Measure 114 and introduces further constitutional vulnerabilities that will likely lead to more taxpayer-funded litigation.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145.

Respectfully,

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