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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

My name is Chris Davenport, and I am here to testify in opposition to House Bill 4145.

HB 4145 makes significant changes to the firearm permitting provisions of Ballot Measure 114 that further burden law-abiding Oregonians while doing little to improve public safety.

First, the bill doubles the permit issuance timeline from 30 to 60 days. For individuals seeking a firearm for lawful self-defense, especially those facing credible threats, these delays are not just inconvenient—they can be dangerous.

Second, HB 4145 more than doubles the permit fee, raising it from \$65 to \$150. This creates a financial barrier that disproportionately impacts working families and lower-income residents, effectively turning a constitutional right into a privilege for those who can afford it.

The bill also creates exemptions for law enforcement and government employees while increasing restrictions on everyday citizens. This establishes a two-tiered system of rights, where government insiders are treated differently than the people they serve.

Additionally, HB 4145 raises serious concerns about the creation of a de facto firearm registry, grants excessive discretionary power to bureaucrats to deny permits, and materially alters the intent of Measure 114 without direct voter approval.

Oregonians were promised that Measure 114 would be implemented fairly and responsibly. HB 4145 goes beyond implementation—it expands restrictions, increases costs, and erodes trust.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 4145.

Thank you for your time and consideration.