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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4145

I oppose HB 4145 because it imposes new burdens on law-abiding Oregonians without meaningfully addressing violent crime. The bill increases costs, prolongs delays, and expands discretionary authority within the permitting process, effectively transforming a constitutional right into a privilege reserved for those with sufficient time and financial resources. These impacts fall most heavily on low-income residents, rural communities, and individuals seeking firearms for lawful self-defense. HB 4145 also disregards voter intent by substantially modifying Measure 114 without returning the matter to the electorate. Additionally, the creation of broad exemptions for current and former law enforcement introduces unequal treatment under the law, undermining principles of fairness and public trust. Public safety is best served by enforcing existing laws and directly addressing criminal behavior—not by erecting additional barriers for responsible citizens who comply with the law. For these reasons, I respectfully urge legislators to reject HB 4145.

Sincerely,
Tami Platt