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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I strongly oppose HB4145! As a law-abiding citizen of these United States, the Constitution is my “permit” to buy a firearm, period. Owning and bearing arms, in this country, is my right and might I say, my responsibility. Yet some of you declare that my inalienable right should be monetized to suit your purposes and subverted to the whim of a ‘permit agent’ or investigator who may not be trained to discern, and dare say can not know, my mental state or future propensity to violence.

Additionally, given the fact that a right delayed is a right denied, you seek to DOUBLE the length of denial and increase (by 230%) the monetary hurdles needed to beg for your hard-earned permission... permission that can only be granted by an equally horrendous bill (114) that has not yet met qualifications for Constitutional muster.

Also, this is horrendously redundant for those of us who have previously applied for, paid for, and submitted to background/fingerprint checks for our currently held CHL. Your new bill is nothing more than a dismal attempt to frustrate the legal ownership of firearms and to collect more money from hard-working, law-abiding constituents!

Nothing in your proposed bill prohibits a firearm from being stolen or misused in the commission of subsequent crime. Stop adding laws that hinder your constituents’ access to their inalienable rights and begin empowering your departments of justice to enforce, prosecute, convict and sentence according to CURRENT laws against theft, violence, murder, drug abuse, and the like. Something that is woefully inadequate in Oregon!