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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I have been a licensed firearms manufacturer for over 13 years. I don't want firearms in the hands of bad people as much as you do. It hurts the people who aren't a problem. I support your public safety goals and I would like to propose a common-sense amendment to HB 4145.

Recognize Oregon's Concealed Handgun License (CHL) as the permit-to-purchase, exempting CHL holders from standard-capacity magazine bans (e.g., 15- or 30-round).

CHL holders are not the criminal issue. They are people who have stood up and said "I have never been a problem. I will never be a problem. Here is all my info, finger prints, ID, etc". They've completed background checks, fingerprinting and training. Most importantly they have passed a face to face interview with local law enforcement. Who has the ability to say "You're in the drunk tank every other weekend. No way, we don't want you to have a concealed weapon on you." Only law abiding citizens are granted a CHL.

Statistically CHL holders are 99.7% less likely to commit violent crimes. Much of the pushback against Measure 114 comes from these law-abiding citizens feeling punished. They are the ones who bring the lawsuits against the state. With ~310,000 CHL holders (less than 8% of Oregon's 4.27 million population), exempting them eliminates 95% or more of lawsuits and opposition from groups like GOA, OFF, NRA, etc.

This doesn't create loopholes: CHL mirrors permit-to-purchase (checks, training, approval), minus the live fire demonstration. Still required to have a face-to-face interview with local law enforcement who knows who their problem people are. Per ATF requirements, purchases still require full FICS checks—no background check skips or straw purchases. Background checks are still required under federal law.

It saves resources: Avoids duplicating permits for OSP and sheriffs, saving millions (OSP estimates \$15-50M for separate system implementation and annual operations). This frees budget for real threats like the prohibited persons (90-95% of all gun homicides), while urban violence from stolen guns (not CHL trafficking) persists—tying bans to non-CHL possession strengthens prosecution.

Nationwide, ~20.88 million permit holders show low rates: 10-12 convictions/revocations per 100,000 annually; ~0.7% of firearm homicides by CHL/CCW holders.

In Oregon, ~310k active CHLs; gun death rate (14.4/100k) aligns nationally, no CHL misuse data link.

Revocations ensure accountability: Holders must stay in good standing with the law, even for non-gun crimes. Revocations happen for domestic violence or mental health issues, ie. red flag laws. This has worked effectively for decades in reducing crime. If someone commits a crime they lose their CHL, permit to purchase and the ability to own a magazine over 10 rounds.

Exempt CHL holders (Only 8% of Oregon's population) to reduce resistance dramatically: Spare this safe minority to eliminate the pushback. Allowing you to implement common sense reforms smoothly without court delays. The law abiding citizens are 99% of the pushback on gun laws, not the criminals. If you exempt CHL holders, the pushback ends. If it doesn't effect them, they won't care what laws you pass. Give the law abiding firearm owners a reward for being good citizens and watch how much easier it is to pass common sense firearm laws.

Sincerely,  
Jeremy Stanley

#### Appendix: Sources

Crime Prevention Research Center - Concealed Carry Permit Holders Across the United States:

<https://crimeresearch.org/2025/12/concealed-carry-permit-holders-across-the-united-states-2025>

Violence Policy Center - Concealed Carry Killers Database

<https://concealedcarrykillers.org/>

The Effects of Concealed-Carry Laws

<https://www.rand.org/research/gun-policy/analysis/concealed-carry.html>

Oregon State Police - Concealed Handgun License Counts

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Reports/2011\\_OSP\\_Concealed%20Handgun%20License%20Counts.p](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Reports/2011_OSP_Concealed%20Handgun%20License%20Counts.p)