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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I oppose HB 4145.

HB 4145 relies on enforcement against law-abiding people rather than criminals. Those who commit violent crimes will not comply with additional regulations, meaning enforcement will inevitably focus on compliant citizens and produce paperwork violations instead of meaningful public safety improvements.

The bill also diverts limited public resources—staff time, enforcement effort, and administrative costs—away from addressing repeat violent offenders and illegal activity. This is an inefficient use of state resources with no demonstrated benefit to public safety.

Additionally, the burdens imposed by HB 4145 fall hardest on rural residents, lower-income Oregonians, and the elderly, who face higher costs, increased travel burdens, and longer delays. Fundamental rights should not depend on income level or geographic location.

Finally, the public hearing for HB 4145 was not listed on OLIS until last Monday morning, denying many citizens a fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in the legislative process.

HB 4145 is ineffective, inequitable, and procedurally flawed, and it should be rejected.