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I am writing today in support of House Bill 4145. As an Oregon resident who has experienced gun violence in my neighborhood and on my property in two separate locations in the Portland metro area, and as a public educator who has spent years participating in mass shooting drills and anticipating the worst, I understand the urgency to create stronger gun safety laws in our state. Because of my personal experiences I'm now a member of Moms Demand Action in Oregon. House Bill 4145 is our top priority this legislative session.

Guns are the 2nd-leading cause of death among children and teens in Oregon, and the leading cause nationwide. We can and must do better. Oregon made great progress when we enacted a permit to purchase law in 2022. The provisions in House Bill 4145 will enable state agencies and law enforcement departments across the state to implement life-saving gun violence prevention laws to the best of their ability. I urge you to lead our state toward a future free from gun violence by doing your part to advance House Bill 4145. Thank you.

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