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Thank you for taking the time to read this. My unequivocal position on this measure is opposition. I STRONGLY oppose HB 4145 for the following reasons:

- 1) This measure exacerbates the already intense burden potential gun owners would experience if permits to purchase became common practice. Many of the people affected worst by crime also happen to be low income citizens already barely surviving. Enacting this measure would put their Constitutional right to protect themselves further out of reach, which in a fair society should not be the case. Proof of proficiency with firearms doesn't bother me. In fact, I think that's a good idea, but the craftors of this measure don't seem to have a clear and functional way of establishing who has and has not had adequate training. Do folks have to take a class for each firearm purchase? Is it waived for folks who already own firearms or have Conceal Carry licenses? Without these questions/concerns clearly addressed, I don't think this is a fair or functional measure to put in place. I also doubt that the structural organization exists to adequately process all of the permits that would be required, hence creating undue waits for potential gun purchasers.
- 2) I am 100% opposed to any measure that creates a differential set of freedoms based on citizens' experiences. Former police officers should not have what amounts to increased freedoms based on their employment history; this is not how you create adjust and fair society, by granting certain rights for higher capacity gun magazines to some and refusing them to others. This is unacceptable and if this or some other measure were to be enacted, this would have to be addressed.
- 3) As written, Measure 114 is illogical and does not factor in practical construction of magazines; as written, this measure makes ALL magazines illegal because they contain base plates, which every magazine has. This seems to have been written by someone who doesn't understand how magazines are constructed and this is already proving to be a problem. For example, I attempted to buy several magazines from a reputable vendor online. These magazines had under 10 rounds capacity and they could not legally be sold by this company because, as written, the inclusion of a base plate made the magazine illegal and thus, they would not send them to Oregon. So buying magazines with less than 10 rounds capacity is already proving to be impossible to do in the strict reading of this law; this needs to change, as well.
- 4) I do not believe this law will save many lives with regard to mental health issues and the avoidance of suicide. I have extensive psychological knowledge and experience, and having known numerous friends and family members that have had

suicidal ideation, most of them would find a way to end their lives if they really wanted to regardless of whether or not they could get a firearm, so this law, in my opinion and experience, will not save as many lives as it purportedly intends to do. All while limiting the rights of law biting and mentally stable citizens. It's not a fair trade off, and I don't actually think it will work the way the writers of this measure want it to . I think a much better use of resources would be to fund more mental health services in our already over taxed and underserved community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I sincerely appreciate it.