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Oregon House Committee on Judiciary
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 4145- Measure 114 Restrictions

To the Honorable Members of the Oregon House Committee on Judiciary,

On behalf of hundreds of thousands of sportsmen and women in Oregon, whose interests our organizations represent, we write to share our substantial concerns with House Bill 4145. This bill implements an expensive and exhaustive permitting process for the lawful transfer of firearms, imposes duplicative training requirements on Oregon's law-abiding hunters and recreational shooters, and restricts standard capacity magazines that are commonly found in the hands of hunters and recreational shooters. The Constitutionality of Measure 114 is still being reviewed in both federal and state courts. Any legislative action to enact these provisions should only be considered after these cases have been fully decided. The below signed organizations represents the interests of youth and families from all parts of the state – organizations that believe in safe gun ownership and enjoy the tradition of hunting with firearms in Oregon – urge you to strongly consider the egregious impacts that HB 4145 will have on our state's outdoor heritage and conservation funding efforts.

Oregon's hunters and recreational shooters have been the primary funders of state level conservation for more than 85 years. Through the American System of Conservation Funding, hunting license and tag fees go directly back into conservation by the State to protect lands, waters, and habitats important to Oregon's wildlife. Also, the Pittman-Robertson Act of 1937 dedicates an 11% excise tax on firearms and ammunition that contributes millions of dollars each year directly into Oregon's state wildlife agencies and conservation efforts. Oregon's hunters and recreational shooters are proud to contribute to these funds when purchasing our firearms and licenses. Last year alone, ODFW received over \$20 million dollars through Pittman-Robertson allocations, and when combined with hunting and fishing license sales, results in around 47% of ODFW's budget being comprised of sportsmen generated dollars. Unfortunately, HB 4145 would threaten this very funding that supports the state's delicate fish and wildlife habitats and both game and non-game wildlife populations—something that all Oregonian's should care about.

For decades, all hunters have been required to go through extensive gun safety training provided by ODFW to obtain a hunting license. Under HB 4145, hunters will have to go through yet another expensive and redundant training program that will create significant new barriers to entry for youth and families hunting in Oregon. This will result in fewer hunters enjoying this outdoor family activity and will directly decrease funding for Oregon's natural habitats.

We share the interests of promoting safe firearm ownership and we hope you will work closely with our community to find positive opportunities to do so without diminishing the recruitment and retention of hunters and recreational shooters in Oregon that are vital for the future of conservation funding in our state. As you move forward on firearms-related bills, please feel free to contact us through Keely Hopkins with Safari Club International, khopkins@scifirstforhunters.org, Matt Little with Ducks Unlimited, mlittle@ducks.org or Amy Patrick with Oregon Hunters Association at driftcreekconsulting@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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