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HB4145

I strongly oppose Oregon HB 4145.

HB 4145 is another example of legislation that treats law-abiding citizens as the problem while ignoring the realities of crime, enforcement, and personal responsibility.

This bill adds complexity, cost, and restriction to people who already comply with the law, while offering no meaningful mechanism to stop criminals who, by definition, do not follow laws. History has repeatedly shown that layered regulations do not prevent violent crime — they simply increase barriers for ordinary citizens exercising a lawful right.

Rural Oregonians, tradespeople, and working families are disproportionately harmed by legislation like this. Many of us live far from emergency services, law enforcement response times can be long, and self-reliance is not a political ideology — it is a necessity. HB 4145 fails to acknowledge that reality.

Additionally, legislation that creates new restrictions without demonstrable public safety benefit erodes trust in government. When laws are passed that feel disconnected from real-world conditions, they foster resentment rather than compliance. Good policy should be enforceable, effective, and respectful of constitutional rights — HB 4145 is none of those.

Oregon already has extensive laws on the books addressing violent crime, prohibited persons, and firearm misuse. The issue is not a lack of laws; it is a lack of enforcement against repeat offenders and criminals who are already known to the system. This bill does nothing to address that failure.

Public safety is best improved by targeting criminal behavior directly, investing in mental health resources, prosecuting violent offenders, and enforcing existing laws — not by placing additional burdens on responsible citizens who have done nothing wrong.

I urge lawmakers to reject HB 4145 and refocus efforts on solutions that actually reduce crime without punishing lawful Oregonians or infringing on fundamental rights.