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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

I oppose this bill in the strongest possible terms. This action is yet another end-run around the Constitutionally protected right of Oregonians to keep and bear arms - another in a long line of bills that expose the Legislature's clear intent to disarm Oregonians. It is subversive in both its form and process. The bill was presented with minimal notice for the submittal of testimony, and it also includes - wait for it - another abuse of the Emergency Clause.

As you know, the likely unconstitutional SB114 has been tied up in litigation for more than a year, with the end result uncertain. Rather than waiting for the outcome of that legal process, our Legislature, who seems more interested in harassing law abiding citizens rather than dealing with actual criminals, intends to ram yet another version of their anti-gun omnibus down our throats.

This time, it's even worse as HB 4145 makes it more difficult for citizens to obtain guns by increasing fees and wait times. It also suspiciously creates a carve-out for law enforcement. Are we trying to placate a special interest group here?

As with the other anti-gun omnibus proposals, HB 4145 shows the Legislature's determination to destroy the firearms industry in Oregon.

Please reject this flawed bill and make sure it doesn't see the light of day.

Thanks.

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