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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Judiciary

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am an active, registered Democrat in Multnomah County and am working hard to build our party to win at the national level this fall. I am also strongly against Measure 114, and I feel that the focus on gun regulation by many on the Dem side of the aisle is misguided and counterproductive. Not everything in HB 4145 is bad, but there are two areas that need to go.

Specifically in this bill, TRIPPLING the cost of a gun permit is outrageous, and an increase of \$65 to \$150 is just going to encourage people to go to the black market. This is not the outcome we want. I also wonder if 114 would have even passed considering it squeaked by with a .65% margin, and if only 12,500 people would have switched to no it would have failed. Not exactly a mandate.

I also oppose the magazine restrictions. They are badly written and a 10 round limit is not supported by the peer-reviewed evidence on gun violence prevention. Exempting retired LEOs from the magazine restriction makes no sense and I oppose that strongly, as the 10 round limit needs to be repealed altogether.

In a time of increased authoritarian threat, it is tone deaf and wasted effort to continue the failed strategy of “taking guns away” and creating more barriers. It is why the Democratic party has lost support in vital rural areas and we need to change direction. It is a MAJOR area of hypocrisy for my party that would otherwise be able to take on the political position of Defending Freedom in this current political climate.

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