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On Behalf Of: Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Members of the Judicial Committee, I thank you for your time in this matter.

I want to let you know that I as the Chairman of OASR, represent up to 16000 or so Law-Abiding Oregonians who are members, that are spread across this fine state of ours. Many are outdoor sportsmen and women, who Hunt, Fish or just Recreate in the great outdoors. Others are target shooting competitors, or just plinkers.

We are extremely opposed to HB4145, as it does nothing to stop the criminal element of this fine state of Oregon. It only Hinders the Law-Abiding Oregon Citizens from being able to Protect Themselves, Their Family & Their Property when the law enforcement might be Many Minutes Away from the incident.

In different states across this United States, it has been shown that when you arrest and incarcerate the criminal element, crime goes down. But when you put roadblocks up for the law-abiding that hinders their use of firearms, Criminals run rampant because they don't follow the laws anyway. That is why we call them criminals!

One other thing that we Do Not Like is the way this bill was Introduced. No notice ahead of this hearing to allow for adequate time to prepare our statements. Let alone being on your first day of session. This point was pointed out by your own legislative members who talked about trying to ram this through before many Oregon Citizens even knew about it. And you folks wonder why the legislature is not trusted. We Do Not and Have Not Trusted this Legislature for many years because it is too One Sided.

We need to let the Judicial Arm of this state finish their job and make a decision on MZ114, before you waste time rewriting different bills to try and replace it. Did you listen to Attorney Aiello, who is fighting MZ114 for the citizens?

In your rewrite in 4145 of 114, all you did was waste your time and more of our tax-dollars for that time and increase the time allowed to get permits approved and more than doubled the cost. You also made elite groups of people in the state, like you already have, for people to be able to carry unrestricted anywhere in the state. Look in your own holsters and purses here in the Capital!