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On Behalf Of: Myself as a retired law enforcement professional
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
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Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

As a retired law enforcement professional, I am writing to you in strong SUPPORT of HB 4145, so that Measure 114 can be effectively and efficiently implemented. As a Parole and Probation Officer in Lane County, Oregon, I carried a gun, every day, as a part of my job. Please note that I am also a gun owner. During my career, I was required to complete hundreds of hours of firearm safety training. This training was intensive and ongoing, and was referred to as "Deadly Force Training." The term "deadly" is used in the title of this training for a straightforward reason -- because guns are lethal! Measure 114 will insure that Oregonians who are purchasing a gun have completed a basic firearms safety class. This is reasonable and it is common sense. Most importantly, this will increase community safety for all Oregonians. Some of you may already be familiar with my very personal story.....in 2017 my precious teenage son, Will, tragically died by firearm suicide when he was experiencing an acute mental health crisis. Will was a Senior in high school at that time, planning to attend Oregon State University with a major in Engineering. On the night that he died, Will's access to a gun was due to the careless behavior of a gun owner who left a loaded handgun unsecured. Measure 114 will insure that Oregonians who purchase a gun have learned and reviewed the importance of secure gun storage, as well as other consequential firearm safety practices. Measure 114 was voted into law by myself as well as a majority of Oregonians, for the purpose of decreasing gun tragedies! -- I am respectfully requesting your support of HB 4145. Thank you.