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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to Oregon Ballot Measure 114 and to share my concerns regarding its impact on law-abiding citizens, public safety, and constitutional rights.

While I support reasonable efforts to reduce crime and promote responsible firearm ownership, HB 4145 places significant burdens on lawful individuals without adequately addressing criminal misuse of firearms. The permit-to-purchase system introduces delays, uncertainty, and administrative obstacles that may prevent responsible citizens from exercising a fundamental right, including the ability to protect themselves and their families.

Additionally, the measure grants broad discretionary authority in the permitting process and assigns enforcement responsibilities to agencies that may not have the resources or infrastructure to implement the system fairly or efficiently. This raises concerns about inconsistent application, prolonged backlogs, and unequal access to a constitutional right.

The magazine capacity restrictions included further affect lawful owners while offering limited evidence of improving public safety. Such restrictions can negatively impact self-defense situations and do not meaningfully deter criminal behavior, as individuals' intent on committing crimes do not typically comply with firearm regulations.

Oregon already has laws in place to address violent crime and ensure responsible ownership. Rather than creating new systems that primarily affect law-abiding citizens, efforts should focus on enforcing existing laws, improving mental health resources, and targeting criminal activity directly.

For these reasons, I respectfully oppose HB 4145 and measure 114 and encourage policies that balance public safety with the protection of individual rights and due process.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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