



**ECUMENICAL
MINISTRIES**
— OF OREGON —

Chair Kropf, Vice-Chairs Wallan and Chotzen Drazan, Members of the Committee,

My name is Britt Conroy, and I serve as Director of Public Policy at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. EMO's food, housing and other programs serve tens of thousands of client visits every year, and we are proud to act as an association of 15 member denominations that represent nearly 750 congregations across the state.

EMO was proud to support Measure 114, and we urge this committee to support HB 4145.

Far too many lives in the United States are lost to gun violence. Shootings in recent years, such as the school shooting in Uvalde, Texas, serve as examples of the prevalence of firearm-related injuries and deaths in our country.

EMO affirms the right of all Oregonians to reside in a state free from gun violence. Ensuring responsible and well-trained gun ownership and eliminating high-capacity magazines is vital to decreasing gun violence in Oregon.

EMO urges your support for the bill.

Sincerely,

Britt Conroy

Director of Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives