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On Behalf Of:
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Public Testimony: Opposition to HB 4145
To: The Senate Committee on Rules

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Location: Junction City, Oregon

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Subject: Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB 4145

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Starr, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Michael Tiebout, and I am a resident of Junction City. I am writing today to voice my strong opposition to House Bill 4145.

As a law-abiding citizen and an IT professional with over 20 years of experience, I am deeply concerned by both the substance of this bill and the lack of transparency in the legislative process that brought it here. HB 4145 is not a public safety measure; it is a bureaucratic hurdle that penalizes those who follow the rules while doing nothing to deter criminals.

My opposition is based on the following key points:

Financial and Bureaucratic Barriers: Tripling the permit fee to \$150 and doubling the processing time to 60 days turns a constitutionally protected right into a "pay-to-play" privilege. These costs and delays disproportionately hurt lower-income Oregonians and those in immediate need of self-defense.

Creation of a Searchable Registry: This bill mandates a permanent, searchable database of law-abiding citizens. As someone who works in IT, I know that centralized databases are inherent security risks. Creating a government list of every lawful gun owner is an overreach that invites misuse and data breaches.

Misdirected Focus: Criminals, by definition, do not follow laws. Increasing fees and adding red tape for the "forgotten Oregonian" who is already following every rule does not stop illegal gun possession or keep fentanyl off our streets.

Integrity of the Process: The reported circumstances surrounding the committee vote for this bill in the House—where a member was reportedly pressured to change their vote—undermine the public’s trust in our democratic institutions. A bill this impactful should be able to stand on its own merit without such maneuvers.

The people of Oregon are awake and watching these proceedings closely. True leadership requires listening to the thousands of citizens who have voiced their opposition. I urge you to uphold the rights of your constituents and let HB 4145 die in this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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