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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Testimony Tone (with Illustration):

Chair and members of the Oregon Senate, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I urge you to vote NO on HB 4145.

This bill does not stop criminals—it penalizes law-abiding citizens. Those who commit violent crimes already disregard our laws. HB 4145 instead makes ordinary Oregonians criminals for possessing firearms and magazines they legally purchased and responsibly own.

Imagine a retired Oregon schoolteacher who lawfully bought a firearm and magazines years ago for home protection. She passed background checks, followed every rule, and has never harmed anyone. Under HB 4145, she faces the loss of her property—or worse, criminal penalties—not because she did anything wrong, but because the law changed around her. Meanwhile, a criminal intent on violence remains unaffected.

Public safety is not achieved by stripping rights from responsible citizens. Please focus on enforcing existing laws and targeting violent offenders. I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB 4145.