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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

My name is Ariel Fradin from Cave Junction, OR and I am writing to oppose HB 4145. As an ethnic minority in a very rural part of the state with a history of oppression and murder of minorities, including former sundown towns, in which police response times are upwards of 45+ minutes, I strongly oppose measures restricting my capability to defend myself and my family if threatened with bodily harm. 10 rounds of ammunition is not enough to ensure my safety, and magazines do not last forever, making my existing supply of standard capacity (that is to say, more than 10 rounds) a finite resource that will eventually require replacement, meaning this legislation will, at some point in the future, inhibit my ability to defend myself adequately. Moreover, purchasing special magazines that only hold 10 rounds when the firearms they are designed for are meant to hold many more is an unfair expense, as these magazines often cost more than standard magazines and thus create a financial barrier to exercising Constitutionally-guaranteed rights. In addition, the permitting fees also create a financial barrier to exercising Constitutional rights.

Historically, the government of this State has facilitated and funded the willful destruction of my people, having made us vulnerable to attacks from settlers, pioneers, and the like. As a result, we are few in number today, and, as we often live in rural areas, we are subject to increased criminal activity, kidnappings, rapes, and murder. The areas in which we live are also accessible to police. We can only depend on ourselves for our own self-defense, and this proposed legislation would once again be an attack on this historically-oppressed minority community.

I strongly urge you to vote against HB 4145. Thank you.