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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I write in strong opposition to House Bill 4145.

HB 4145 does not “clarify” Measure 114—it compounds its worst flaws. Instead of addressing the constitutional, logistical, and equity failures that have stalled implementation, this bill doubles down on bureaucracy, delays, and unequal treatment under the law.

Extending firearm permit processing timelines from 30 to 60 days is not a public safety measure—it is an admission that the system is unworkable. Law-abiding Oregonians should not be subjected to months-long delays to exercise a constitutional right because the state lacks the capacity to administer its own policy. Rights delayed are rights denied.

Raising permit fees further entrenches a two-tiered system where constitutional rights are easier to exercise for those with time, money, and proximity to urban infrastructure. Rural Oregonians already face limited access to law enforcement offices, training facilities, and permit centers. HB 4145 makes that inequity worse, not better.

The law enforcement exemptions embedded in this bill are especially troubling. If the permit-to-purchase framework is truly about public safety, then exempting entire classes of individuals undermines the premise. If it is not about public safety, then it should not exist at all. The Constitution does not recognize favored classes of citizens.

Equally concerning is the provision forcing legal challenges into Marion County. This is a transparent attempt at forum shopping that erodes public trust and signals legislative insecurity about the merits of the policy itself.

Oregon does not need more symbolic legislation designed to satisfy political talking points while ignoring real-world consequences. HB 4145 punishes compliance, burdens rural communities, and further erodes confidence in state government’s ability to legislate fairly and competently.

I urge you to reject HB 4145 and return to the work Oregonians actually expect: crafting laws that are constitutional, enforceable, and applied equally—without

creating unnecessary barriers for responsible citizens.

Respectfully,

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