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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am writing to respectfully express my opposition to HB4145. While I understand the intent behind this bill, I believe it creates unnecessary inequities and imposes burdens that will negatively impact law-abiding citizens without meaningfully improving public safety.

One of my primary concerns is that HB4145 carves out exceptions for certain active and retired law enforcement personnel while holding the general public to stricter requirements. Rights and access to lawful protection should not depend on one's profession or economic ability to obtain a permit. This approach risks creating a two-tiered system that undermines fairness and equal treatment under the law.

Additionally, the bill's added restrictions could place undue financial and logistical strain on responsible citizens who simply wish to exercise their constitutional rights. Instead of targeting those who follow the law, we should focus on measures that address criminal misuse directly and strengthen enforcement of existing laws.

I urge you to reject HB4145 in its current form and work toward solutions that protect public safety while preserving the rights of all Oregonians equally.

Thank you for your time and consideration.