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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Chair and Members of the Senate Committee,

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 4145.

Beyond my substantive concerns with the policy itself, I am deeply troubled by the procedural circumstances under which this bill advanced out of the House Judiciary Committee.

HB 4145 initially failed on a 4–3 vote. Only after that vote was paused, and following reported pressure placed upon a member who had voted “No,” was the vote revisited and changed. The final outcome does not erase the fact that the original vote would have stopped this bill in committee.

Even Representative Kropf ultimately resigned from the House Conduct Committee amid bipartisan pressure. That resignation reflects the seriousness of the concerns surrounding his conduct.

Legislation that advances under a cloud of coercion or impropriety undermines public trust. The integrity of the legislative process matters just as much as the policy outcomes themselves.

Substantively, I oppose HB 4145-A because it further restricts the rights of law-abiding citizens while doing little to address the behavior of criminals who already disregard existing laws. Oregon does not have a shortage of regulations impacting responsible gun owners. What we have is a shortage of enforcement against repeat offenders who continue to victimize communities.

Policies that burden lawful citizens while failing to deter criminal behavior do not enhance safety. They erode constitutional protections without delivering meaningful results.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge this committee to reject HB 4145-A.

Oregonians deserve both public safety and a legislative process they can trust.

Respectfully,
Paul S