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I am a long time Oregon resident, Democratic voter, firearms owner, mental health counselor, and small business owner and am opposed to both the flawed Measure 114 and current legislative efforts, specifically HB 4145.

The fact that our Democratic leaders are using their valuable time and resources working to strip lawful gun owners of their rights to defend themselves is a travesty when I consider the current state of our Nation. News of massive stockpiling of weapons by a fascist federal government and masked secret police in our neighborhoods should inform the strategy of lawmakers in regard to this issue. Measure 114 was deeply flawed, taking somewhat reasonable ideas and pushing them without a real plan of implementation. HB 4145 makes an attempt to rectify some of this, but continues to fall short...particularly in that it continues to place significant roadblocks in the way of law-abiding citizens to exercise their 2nd Amendment right to self-defense. The carve out for law enforcement to NOT be held to the same standard is mind-bogglingly short-sighted and essentially is an open invitation to outright oppression of normal civilians. What standard of safety applies to a retired police officer?? How do we know that this person continues to meet that standard? This makes no sense...if lawmakers believe that the restrictions and standards to be met for gun ownership from these bills are reasonable...WHY NOT APPLY THEM TO EVERYONE, INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT????

You think that we will be safer with these restrictions...I'm sorry to say that horse has long ago left the barn. Our efforts would be better directed towards actually solving the systemic issues that contribute to violence, rather than these "gun control" efforts which essentially only make it more difficult for people who follow the law and are not a danger. Criminals don't care about the law, people in mental health crises don't care about the law....there will always be access to guns for these types of individuals. With HB 4145, access to lawful means of self-defense will be made much more difficult for the people who actually need it...whether to protect themselves from individual cases of violence...or to be able to project a sense of caution and force in situations where more organized and large-scale defense is needed.

Do what is right and vote NO on HB 4145. I cannot stress enough how many Democrats and left-leaning voters are changing to make firearms access a major issue in their vote and decision-making. Wake up and pay attention to the room!!!!