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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am writing in support of House Bill 4145, which modifies the firearm permit provisions of Ballot Measure 114, passed by Oregon voters in 2022 and awaiting a favorable ruling by the Oregon Supreme Court. HB 4145 honors the will of Oregon voters and provides the clarity needed to implement Measure 114's life-saving policies. The bill fixes key implementation issues by giving agencies time to build an efficient and sustainable permitting process for those wishing to purchase firearms. It will also ensure consistent judicial review, allow thorough background checks, provide sustainable funding, and prevent permits from being issued based on incomplete information. By addressing these gaps, HB 4145 moves Measure 114 from principle to practice while respecting constitutional rights and prioritizing public safety.

As a healthcare professional who has provided mental health and addictions treatment to fellow Oregonians, I know the terrible health consequences associated with gun violence and the threat of gun violence. Evidence shows that permit requirements reduce the proliferation of and easy access to guns associated with the tragedy of turning impulse into lethal action. As a mother and a grandmother, I believe it is imperative to enact gun safety legislation, including permitting procedures, to increase the well-being of all Oregonians.

I urge you to move HB 4145 forward without delay.

Sincerely,
Barbara Campbell