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

As an Oregon resident deeply concerned about our constitutional rights, fair process, and transparent governance. As the Senate Rules Committee holds its public hearing on HB 4145 today at 1:00 PM, I urge you to reject this bill outright.

HB 4145 modifies Ballot Measure 114's permit-to-purchase requirements, delaying implementation to January 1, 2028, but imposes heavy burdens on law-abiding citizens. It doubles permit processing time from 30 to 60 days, hikes application fees from \$65 to \$150 (over 130% increase), and raises renewal fees from \$50 to \$110. These changes create financial and bureaucratic barriers that disproportionately harm low-income, rural, and working families who need firearms for self-defense, hunting, or sport—without meaningfully improving safety, as criminals ignore such rules.

The bill exempts permit and background check data from public records requests, risking a de facto registry and privacy violations through FBI fingerprint submissions (with requests for return). It adds vague disqualifications for recent violent misdemeanors and mandates approved safety training. Exemptions for certain law enforcement create unequal rights under the law.

Most alarmingly, the bill advanced through the House Judiciary Committee amid serious coercion allegations. On February 16, 2026, Rep. Thuy Tran initially voted "no" on a key amendment, likely tying the vote. Chair Rep. Jason Kropf (a chief sponsor) sighed audibly, called a recess mid-roll call, and spoke privately with Rep. Tran for 10-20 minutes. She returned visibly shaken—possibly in tears—and changed her vote to "yes," passing it 5-4. Firearms instructor Derek LeBlanc filed a complaint with the Legislative Equity Office, accusing Kropf of verbal abuse, intimidation, and threats to force the change.

Rep. Tran later said Kropf's actions created "confusion, suspicion, and distrust in the Democratic process" and a "hostile working environment." Kropf resigned as co-chair of the House Joint Committee on Conduct on February 23 amid the controversy. Despite this, the bill passed the House 33-19 on February 25. A measure tainted by alleged coercion should not proceed—investigate and reject on procedural grounds to preserve legislative integrity.

Personal agendas also drive this bill. Chief sponsor Rep. Dacia Grayber cited her stepdaughter's tragic suicide emotionally, but policy must rest on evidence and constitutionality, not individual grief—restrictive laws often fail to reduce suicide or

crime effectively.

HB 4145 normalizes "government permission slips" for a fundamental right, as Rep. Ed Diehl noted. Gun groups like the NRA and Oregon Firearms Federation rightly oppose it as an infringement.

Vote "no" on HB 4145 to uphold liberties, fair process, and trust in Oregon's legislature. Reject this flawed, tainted bill.