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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145
Opposition to HB 4145

I strongly oppose HB 4145.

HB 4145 follows a familiar pattern: it regulates people who already obey the law while leaving criminal behavior untouched. Criminals do not comply with paperwork, fees, or new restrictions. The bill also diverts public resources—staff time, enforcement effort, and administrative cost—away from targeting repeat violent offenders and illegal activity. That is a poor use of limited state resources. As a result, this bill burdens lawful citizens without producing real public-safety benefits. This bill will not reduce violent crime, but it will increase cost, legal risk, and barriers for ordinary Oregonians acting in good faith.

The process is also deeply concerning. The action of Rep. Jason Kropf in the house judiciary committee meeting was reprehensible, creating a hostile workplace for a fellow representative and stealing the vote from Oregon gun owners. If this bill were sound, it would not need to be rushed, hidden and have shady actions used to pass it.

For both substantive and procedural reasons, HB 4145 should be rejected.

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