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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Members of the Senate Committee on Rules -

My name is Ty D. Lewis; I am a resident of Damascus, Oregon, and submit this testimony to respectfully voice my strong opposition to House Bill 4145, which would modify Ballot Measure 114 and reinforce the unconstitutional provisions contained within.

First, HB 4145 imposes excessively restrictive firearms regulations on law-abiding Oregonians by raising fees to exercise a Constitutionally guaranteed right and expands state control over people who are already following the law.

Second, HB 4145 undermines the individual right to self defense without effectively addressing the root causes of violent crime in any way.

Third, HB 4145 acknowledges the ongoing court challenges to Measure 114, clearly attempting to interfere with this process - in my view because the significant likelihood the Oregon Supreme Court will ultimately find it unconstitutional.

Lastly, the legislative process has been tainted by the House Judiciary Committee's chair with his abusive pressure on another committee member to change her no vote to yes. HB 4145 would have died in committee because of the original 4-3 vote - before the changed vote due to Rep. KROPF's direct interference. The level of corruption surrounding the way this entire process has been handled with either complete ineptitude or willful malice - either case is unacceptable.

Thank you for your attention, service and I hope leadership to place protecting the individual rights of law abiding Oregonians as your priority.

Respectfully submitted,

Ty D. Lewis