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

Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4145.

This bill should have died in the house. I have serious concerns about Rep. Jason Kropf's conduct surrounding this bill.

How can I trust in government when transparency is in question. Rep. Kropf's handling of HB 4145 is troubling especially due to what appears an abuse of power. Videos show a 4-3 vote, Kropf vote would have determined a tie and the bill would have died. Instead Kropf recessed, lead fellow Rep Tran outside. Came back and did a revote, inspiring the bill would pass. It undermines confidence in the legislative process and silences meaningful participation.

My concern concern is the hostile and dismissive behavior toward colleagues. Is it wrong to expect elected officials to model professionalism and respect — not intimidation or misogyny. Disrespect toward fellow legislators reflects poorly on the institution and distracts from thoughtful policymaking.

Transparency matters. Respect matters. Regardless of where one stands on gun policy, the process matters.

HB 4145 deserved open debate conducted under consistent rules, for public trust. I urge lawmakers to recommit to fair decisions on bills.

Oregonians deserve better.

Sincerely,
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