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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

Hello, my name is Alex, and I live in Portland. I am testifying in support of HB 4145 because of many reasons, one of which is that I work in a public high school and I see every day the effects of gun violence on the youth I work with. The impact of gun violence ranges from students losing loved ones, students personally being targeted with gun violence, and students who fear coming to school because of the prevalence of school shootings.

HB 4145 honors the will of Oregon voters who passed Measure 114 in 2022 and provides the clarity needed to implement those life-saving policies effectively and responsibly.

This bill fixes key implementation issues by giving agencies time to build the permit system, ensuring consistent judicial review, allowing thorough background checks, creating sustainable funding, and preventing 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.

I urge you to move HB 4145 forward without delay. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Alex