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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing in opposition to SB 4145.

At a high level, SB 4145 proposes additional firearm regulations with the stated goal of improving public safety. While that goal is widely shared, the approach taken in this bill raises serious concerns around effectiveness, enforceability, and unintended consequences.

This bill places additional burdens on lawful gun owners without clearly addressing criminal behavior.

Many of the individuals responsible for violent crime already operate outside existing laws. Adding new layers of restrictions, requirements, or classifications primarily affects those who are already complying with the law. There is limited evidence that expanding regulatory frameworks on lawful ownership meaningfully reduces criminal misuse of firearms.

Enforcement challenges undermine effectiveness.

Policies that rely heavily on compliance from lawful owners, while offering limited mechanisms to address illegal possession or trafficking, risk creating a system that is difficult to enforce in practice. Laws that are not realistically enforceable can erode respect for the legal framework as a whole and divert resources away from strategies that directly target criminal activity.

Potential impacts on rural and law-abiding Oregonians should be carefully considered.

In many parts of Oregon, including Southern Oregon, firearm ownership is a normal and lawful part of daily life for hunting, recreation, and personal protection. Broad or ambiguous restrictions can disproportionately affect responsible individuals in these communities without delivering clear public safety benefits.

There is a need to focus on outcomes, not just additional regulation.

If the goal is to reduce violence, policies should prioritize:

Targeting repeat violent offenders

Improving mental health intervention systems

Addressing illegal firearm trafficking

Supporting law enforcement tools that focus on high-risk individuals

Expanding regulations on lawful ownership, without clear evidence of effectiveness, risks missing the root causes of violence.

Clarity and precision matter in legislation of this type.

If definitions or requirements within the bill are overly broad or unclear, they can create confusion for both citizens and law enforcement. That increases the likelihood of inconsistent application and unintended consequences.

Public safety is a serious and shared priority. However, policy solutions should be narrowly tailored, evidence-based, and focused on those who pose actual risk. SB 4145, as written, does not meet that standard.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose SB 4145.

Thank you for your consideration.

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