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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

I am opposed to both the original measure 114 and the modified version being considered by the Oregon legislature currently. I do consider gun violence to be a major issue for our country and our state, and do support measures to limit what firearms can be purchased and who can acquire them, however I believe in the right for private citizens to own them. The measure being considered is not good firearm regulation, practically it will create restrictions that will delay or impede responsible persons from exercising their right to bear arms and legally will be easy to challenge and cost taxpayers money that the state is already in a deficit of to defend it in court. It will further burden law enforcement agencies with more paperwork when they are already burdened with more tasks than they should be responsible for, and give them the power to deny the rights of citizens without clear oversight. I doubt that the round restriction on magazines will save any lives, as most firearm incidents that result in casualties involve less than ten shots, and there is no clear way to enforce it when magazines are not registered parts and it will be unclear what was owned prior to enacting the measure and what is in violation of it. I think if we really want to address gun violence, we should work towards solving causes of it such as alienation or desperation, along with preventing unstable or unreliable persons from possessing firearms through robust and transparent background checks and red flag reporting systems, not whatever a sheriff's opinion is. Various states have tried to legislate on the means of gun violence, but never seem to solve the problem, ending up in a cycle of tweaking laws and definitions to little success. Please vote no on this measure, and work on something effective.