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On Behalf Of: Myself
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I strongly OPPOSE SB4145

Do you think it is ok to make honest citizens pay more with all the other taxes we pay. I am on a fixed income which doesn't keep up with inflation let alone the taxes we are paying and have no idea where that money goes and also wait longer to be able to own a gun for protection from the gangs and criminals that are running around abusing guns. Should I just tell them to hold off shooting or breaking in my house until I can save up the money then spend more time to actually get a gun. I have the god given right to protect myself and my property.

I live in SE Salem and have felt very safe here until about the last 3 or 4 years if not longer. Now I have had to put security doors on my house knowing that the bad guys can break them open as well. I am a 73 year old single woman who feels like a sitting duck in what should be my safe place and am now afraid to go outside after dark. When I moved into my Mobile Home 18 years ago people could run to the store, leave items outside, go for a walk at night time and if you forgot to lock your car door your car would still be in the driveway the next day. I was trouble free and happy back then being retired and then It started getting scary to be in or out of my home and then started going downhill so rapidly that my retired life is miserable. Being one of the many honest citizens il of course would not use a gun without proper training to not accidentally harm or kill myself or someone not posing a threat to me.

The gangs can have all the illegal guns and weapons they want and if they get caught there is no big consequences for them to stop doing what they do, just a slap on the hand. Now even the homeless are terrifying the public with any means they choose.

Be an honest and rethink SB4145 and do what the people need and want, not your Governor or special interest groups that contribute to your campaign funds. I am a very honest person and always have been growing up and now. I expect the same from my employees which are you to be the same. I don't know how you sleep at night trying to pass this bill knowing it should be dead in the committee that the chair bullied into changing her vote after thwy had already voted already and yet you keep pushing it as an emergency through the system.

If you insist on punishing honest citizens and do all you can to take away our constitutional rights, I know you know there is 2 elections coming up and the people

of Oregon are watching you very closely so you may want to take a few breaths and do what you know in your heart is right for the citizens.

This bill does nothing to save lives. What is the ratio of deaths caused by gangs and crooks using guns to harm people as compared to honest citizens. When there is some kind of an article in the papers it never talks about if the gun was purchased illegally or not which is holding honest information to the public. Censorship.

You are by no means stupid and am sure you understand that what I said is true. The people for this bill are either your special interest groups which donate to your campaigns, like the unions or gun control organizations. Why don't you be honest and tell the citizens the truth on why you are endorsing this bill and quit hiding behind the Governor. Stand up for us who elected you and pay you. What are you so afraid of?

From this senior to you please rethink this SB4145 and oppose it! I am putting my confidence in all of you to do the right thing and kill this bill.

Thank you,
Catherine Kaiser