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As someone who was born and raised in this state, who has spent much of their adult life working to be responsible and become proficient with firearms, who has armed and educated countless other Oregonians in my career in the firearms industry, I wholeheartedly stand against HB4145. It is flat out unconstitutional, it disproportionately penalizes low income residents, rural residents, while not actually addressing violent crime in this state. It creates a financial burden on citizens to be able to even access their Second Amendment right and then even delays access further based on wait times for classes, permits, etc. As someone who was working in a local gun shop during Covid, it is clear Oregon State Police do not have the man power to process background checks in a timely manner and it will be the same when it comes to the permits to purchase, effectively creating a de facto waiting period. Limiting citizens to ten round magazines for concealed carry will do nothing to hinder violent crime. CHL holders are an incredibly law abiding demographic while violent criminals already have proven their disregard for the law. This will only neuter the ability of CHL holders to adequately defend themselves and their families from violent criminals. Also, the fact that Representative Jason Kropf was allowed to strong arm Representative Tran into changing her vote, allowing this bill to proceed is absolutely abhorrent behavior and shows nothing more than a corrupt tyrant intimidating others in an effort to strip the people of this state of their God given right to self defense. That is a perfect example of why the citizens of this state need their second amendment rights. In a time where our state government is screaming about violence against it's people by the federal government via organizations such as ICE, I find it incredibly ironic that they seek to neuter the people's ability to protect themselves by way of their second amendment right.