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I am writing in opposition to HB 4145. While public safety is an important priority, this bill moves Oregon further toward an overly burdensome and restrictive firearm permitting system that places significant strain on law-abiding citizens rather than focusing on those who commit crimes. Expanding permit timelines, increasing fees, and adding additional administrative requirements risk creating delays and financial barriers for responsible Oregonians who wish to exercise their constitutional rights. In many rural communities such as Josephine and Jackson county and their outlying areas, we are faced with the challenges of limited staffing and resources that make compliance even more difficult, effectively turning a right into a privilege based on geography. Rather than adding complexity and cost, the Legislature should prioritize policies that target criminal behavior, improve enforcement of existing laws, and respect the rights of responsible gun owners across the state. The governmental overreach that has plagued this state disguised as “safety and security” will be its undoing.