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HB4145 will make one out of three Oregon households criminals. If caught with standard 10+ round magazines or less than 10 round magazines with a detachable base plate Oregonians will have a day in court. Detachable base plates make up the vast majority of magazines. Oregonians will be assumed to be guilty until they prove their innocence in an Oregon court under the affirmative defense statue in this bill.

Suicides are a terrible loss for our community and something that have personally impacted myself and many Oregonians. Magazine limits to 10 rounds will not impact our suicide rate. Permits and taxes to exercise our civil rights are a tempting solution at first glance. The country with the most guns per person in this world is the United States and if guns lead to higher suicide rates, we should have a suicide rate three times that of any other country. Japan, South Korea and other gun free European countries however have a higher rate.

As we protest on "No Kings Day" we must remember the gun confiscation of the British throne that started our American revolution in 1776. We have to remember the 100,000,000 people killed by their governments last century after being disarmed for their safety. As we celebrate 2025 as the lowest murder rate in 125 years (CBS News fact check) we need to realize mass incarceration is not the solution to our gun violence problem. We need to recognize we do not have a King, that 49.3% of Oregonians said 114 violated their civil rights and we can keep Oregonians safe without building more jails.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Kevin Camp