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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4145

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a constituent and resident of Oregon to express my strong opposition to HB 4145.

At its core, HB 4145 represents a serious and troubling infringement on the constitutional rights guaranteed to Oregonians. Both the United States Constitution and the Oregon Constitution exist to protect individual liberties from government overreach. Any legislation that weakens those protections whether directly or indirectly, demands the highest level of scrutiny. In my view, HB 4145 fails that test.

Constitutional rights are not conditional privileges granted at the discretion of shifting political majorities. They are fundamental protections that ensure fairness, due process, and individual autonomy. When legislation undermines those principles, it sets a precedent that can extend far beyond its stated intent. Even if well-intentioned, laws that erode constitutional safeguards ultimately diminish the trust between citizens and their government.

I am particularly concerned about the long-term implications of this bill. Expanding government authority in ways that conflict with constitutional protections risks legal challenges, costly litigation, and deepening division among Oregonians. In the wake of recent events, it is important, now more than ever that each and every American citizen invoke their second amendment rights to the fullest, without unilateral limitations placed upon them. The only purpose HB 4145 will serve is to create a bigger rift between the citizens of this state and those that swore to protect them. More importantly, it compromises the foundational principles that define our state and nation. If the citizens of Oregon can no longer trust their representatives to fight on their behalf, if we can no longer trust that a fair, unbiased system controlled by those who are unaffected by these changes will be in our best interest, then we are well and truly lost as a state and as a country.

I urge you to carefully reconsider your support for HB 4145 and to prioritize policies that uphold, rather than weaken, the constitutional rights of your constituents. Oregonians deserve legislation that strengthens public safety and civic well-being without sacrificing the liberties that are central to our identity and legal system.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our state. I respectfully ask that you oppose HB 4145.

Sincerely,
Brendon Baldwin