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

To Members of the Oregon Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing today as a law-abiding Oregonian to express my firm opposition to HB 4145. While framed as a "technical fix" to Measure 114, this legislation represents a significant overreach that burdens the constitutional rights of peaceful citizens while doing nothing to deter criminal activity.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- **Financial Barriers to a Fundamental Right:** By increasing the permit fee from \$65 to \$150 (a 130% increase), this bill turns a constitutionally protected right into a luxury available only to the wealthy. We do not charge fees to exercise the right to vote or the right to free speech; we should not place a "pay-to-play" barrier on the right to self-defense.
- **A "Two-Tiered" System of Citizenship:** HB 4145 creates a dangerous precedent by exempting retired law enforcement from magazine capacity limits and permit requirements for personal use. This creates two classes of citizens: those with the "privilege" of effective self-defense and those without. Under the Oregon Constitution (Article I, Section 20), no law should grant any citizen privileges that are not equally available to all.
- **Bureaucratic Delays:** Doubling the permit processing window from 30 to 60 days is a "right delayed is a right denied" policy. For individuals facing immediate threats—such as victims of domestic violence—a two-month waiting period for a permit can be the difference between safety and tragedy.
- **Judicial Bottlenecking:** Requiring all legal challenges to be filed exclusively in Marion County creates a geographical and financial hurdle for rural Oregonians seeking to defend their rights in court, effectively insulating the law from broad judicial scrutiny.

HB 4145 targets those who already follow the law, adding layers of expense and red tape while criminals—who by definition ignore such regulations—remain unaffected. I urge you to respect the Second Amendment and Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution by voting NO on HB 4145.

Respectfully,  
Anthony Munoz