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For survivors of gun violence, the debate around HB 4145 is not abstract. It's about prevention - acting before someone is hurt, not just after.

HB 4145 does not punish lawful ownership. What it does is require that permits are issued responsibly, with verification, consistency, and accountability. Survivors know that access matters - research shows that permit requirements can reduce both homicide and suicide rates. And in a state with a gun suicide rate that significantly outpaces the national average, this is incredibly important.

This bill gives permitting authorities clear standards to act when credible risks are present while preserving due process and the right to appeal. Survivors understand that prevention is about recognizing patterns, taking warning signs seriously, and slowing down access when safety is uncertain.

Opponents argue that waiting for verification is an infringement. But for survivors, the real infringement is living with the knowledge that a tragedy might have been prevented if the system had worked as intended.

HB 4145 strengthens that system. It ensures the law is implemented carefully, consistently, and sustainably so public safety is not compromised by gaps, delays, or underfunding.

Survivors don't get a second chance. Communities don't get do-overs. Prevention is the only intervention that truly matters.

HB 4145 is a step toward honoring survivors not just with words, but with action.

I urge your support. Thank you.