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

Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to you today to express my strong opposition to HB 4145 as it is currently written. There is a black cloud of controversy surrounding every aspect of this bill, and from the very beginning, there have been transparency issues. The fact that HB 4145 was scheduled for the first day of the session is offensive, and OLIS prevented us from registering to testify until 2 hours before the public hearing. This is not how the process should be done. Brute force and ignorance are NOT a way to govern the people of Oregon. We are awake and highly engaged. The fact that we had a 4-3 vote, and it was stolen from us because Rep Kropf called a recess to intimidate a subordinate female into changing her vote, is just another prime example of what is wrong with Oregon politics. When the votes don't go in the ruling class's favor, they change the rules to affect the outcome. Furthermore, the right to bear arms is not a partisan issue. It is a constitutional right recognized by both Democrats and Republicans, by independents, and by Oregonians across every background and community. The Second Amendment to the United States Constitution - as well as Article I, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution - affirms the individual right of citizens to keep and bear arms for defense of themselves, their families, and their property. Public safety and constitutional rights are not mutually exclusive. We can support responsible gun ownership, enforce existing laws, and address criminal behavior without placing additional burdens on law-abiding citizens. Measure 114 has created confusion, legal uncertainty, and division across our state. It has tied up resources, raised serious constitutional questions, and has not demonstrated that it will effectively reduce violent crime.

I urge members of both parties to stand together in defense of constitutional protections and to reject policies that undermine the rights of responsible Oregonians. Ending the implementation of Measure 114 and opposing HB 4145 as written would be a meaningful step toward restoring public trust, transparency, and bipartisan cooperation.

Oregonians deserve legislation that respects due process, protects civil liberties, and reflects the will of the people - not rushed procedures or procedural maneuvering. I respectfully ask you to oppose HB 4145 and work toward solutions that unite rather than divide our state. Thank you