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On Behalf Of:

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Hello, my name is William Ryan, and I live in Portland. I am testifying in support of HB 4145 because while I believe it's every sound and sane American's right to own a gun, I also believe in sound and sane gun control. I also believe that while the original framers of the Constitution believed in gun ownership, their concept of what a gun constitutes could never have foreseen bump stocks, machine guns, machine gun belts, derringers, or any of the other hundreds of unique ways folk have designed manners to spread lead at sonic speeds. I also believe that it is common sense to do background checks for anyone who wants to buy a gun, and to allow for that time to move forward at whatever speed it takes.

HB 4145 honors the will of Oregon voters who passed Measure 114 in 2022 and provides the clarity needed to implement those life-saving policies effectively and responsibly.

This bill fixes key implementation issues by giving agencies time to build the permit system, ensuring consistent judicial review, allowing thorough background checks, creating sustainable funding, and preventing permits from being issued based on incomplete information.

By addressing these gaps, HB 4145 moves Measure 114 from principle to practice while respecting constitutional rights and prioritizing public safety.

I urge you to move HB 4145 forward without delay. Thank you for your time and consideration.