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The constant attack on Oregonians second amendment right is ongoing and beyond burdensome for every day law abiding citizens. The men and women that have the right to exercise this amendment are the only ones being affected negatively. It's been said before and I will say this again. Criminals do not care about laws and violent offenders would love to see more stringent gun laws in Oregon. One might ask, why would criminals love more stringent gun laws? The answer is simple and should be glaringly obvious but I will expound. A unarmed citizen is a soft target and criminals are opportunistic. Law abiding citizens are the ones who follow the laws regardless if they agree with them or not. With the implementation of HB4145 we put in place unjust burdens that hinder the law abiding from the right to self defense. If you are in support of this bill I urge you to think of the real world consequences. I can't give enough praise and support to the men and women in law enforcement but the truth is they can not be everywhere at once. For instance next time you find yourself in an area where concealed carry is permitted, take a look around. I'm sure that a law abiding Oregonian is ready to protect you without thinking twice with a zero second response time. The tactics being deployed in support of this bill leave me with disgust. Let's bluntly state a few. Manipulating the judicial system by requiring all legal challenges to be completed through Marion County Court. Inappropriate/unethical use of the emergency clause preventing Oregonians from deploying the referendum process. HB4145 installs a registry of gun owners that can be misused or breached, which is a direct violation of federal law. And lastly and seemingly the most disturbing are the actions of Jason Kropf. He has opened my eyes to understand that if he has escalated to the point of publicly treating Representative Thuy Tran the way he did then we have a much greater problem behind closed doors. This type of behavior trickles down and infects those surrounded by it and this shall not stand.