Honorable Elected Public Representatives and Senators....

I wish to voice my opposition to this attempt at gun confiscation by our governor...... <u>HB 4145</u> is on the floor at the request of the governor of the State of Oregon and is another back door attack on our 2ndAmendment rights. Even more, it erodes Oregon's Constitution under <u>Article 1 section 27</u> right to bear arms. This is just another attempt at gun Control/Confiscation by a person that is totally bought and paid for by an ANTI GUN/ANTI-TRUMP elitist campaign contributor that resides in the Eastern part of this United States.

This attempt to force another form of gun control down the throats of law abiding citizens is not going to do any more than create a larger problem with people that have guns illegally. They will be finding other ways that are not law abiding, to have guns for whatever their purpose might be as they have no respect for the existing laws.....so in the interim, those that can legally own guns, will be stripped of that right to have their guns for home defense, sporting venues or other legally accepted purposes. This may not happen right at first, but the ground work for confiscation will be in place if this bill becomes a law.

The way this bill is designed leaves a lot of room for "interpretation" of what is or is not grounds for confiscation of firearms for the variety of "reasons" that are loosely written into the bill.....all of which will do nothing to protect the innocent but instead, will in the long run, empower those bent on wrongdoing. Those "outlaw" types of people have no fear of consequences, rules or justice and will do what they want, when they want, to get what they want in spite of any laws that are designed to curb gun ownership. If someone wants to commit a murder, taking away a gun will NOT stop that crime. Pointed sticks, stones, knives, swords and clubs have been used throughout man's history to accomplish those ends.....what makes one think a law or a bill like HB 4145 will change anything? I think NOT.

I would like to go on record as OPPOSING this HB 4145 for the reasons stated above and would strongly suggest that the legislators spend their valuable time and energies working on ways to ELIMINATE CORRUPTION and GREED in our Oregon State Government instead of passing gun control laws. Personal Agendas and "you vote for my bill and I will vote for your bill" tactics do nothing for your constituents or the well being of this state, but instead are lucrative ends to an elected public servants well funded campaign or a retirement nest egg. AND THAT IS NOT RIGHT!

My 2 cents worth...for what it is worth..... Richard Stocking 681 54th Street Springfield, Oregon 97478