House Judiciary Committee

Dear Chair Barker and member of the committee,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 4145

This bill is an attack on our 2nd Amendment rights. Even more, it erodes Oregon's Constitution under Article 1 section 27 right to bear arms.

Extending the list on the "extreme risk protection orders" no long makes it "extreme risk." This is a deliberate attempt to inch away at 2nd Amendment rights until there are no rights.

Furthermore, the bill employs even more subterfuge by purposefully encouraging people not to contest the order. If a court issues a restraining order against you under current law, you have the option to contest it to attempt to "prove" your innocence. The problem is that under Federal law, if you contest this order, and it is upheld, you will lose your gun rights under Federal law.

If you don't contest it, and the court has not ordered a gun prohibition, you will not lose your gun rights. In other words, if you agree to comply with the order, no matter how false the accusations are, you may not automatically lose your gun rights. This is un-American and not what Oregonians would support if they knew.

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