

I'd like to express my utter contempt for the definitions of "family members" contained within this ludicrous bill - as well as my complete disdain for the entire bill. Considering anyone who states that they had sex with you as a "family member" would be laughable if you weren't so serious about denying law-abiding citizens their rights.

As a Mitigation Investigator in the state of Oregon, I meet with men and women on a weekly basis who have committed aggravated murder. I see photos, read autopsy reports and view autopsy photos, and see video of actual murders being committed in our state, and I hear first-hand descriptions of what people do to each other out of anger, hatred and fear. I understand the desire to protect people from violence - but this bill is not the way to do that. HB4145 gives power over innocent, law-abiding citizens at the whim of almost anyone, almost anywhere and for no reason at all.

I pray that those who have the power to pass this Bill into Law will consider the ramifications of denying our Constitutional Rights for the purpose of controlling law-abiding citizens. Removing our rights to Due Process; lawful Search and Seizure; the opportunity to question our accuser, and several other Constitutional guarantees is a destructive and detrimental action that will have repercussions that our short-sighted, fear-mongering politicians could care less about. The hysteria that has gripped our state, and many other states is going to have to stop at some point, and the sooner the better. I realize that our current governor will pass whatever laws she feels like passing, regardless of how the citizens of this great state vote - but as a citizen of this state - I urge our lawmakers to deny HB4145 and focus on enforcing laws that already exist.

It's already against the law to be a felon in possession of a firearm - but exactly how many felons in our state in the past 5 years have actually been sentenced, or even charged? Fewer than 4%!!! Enforce the laws that already exist and stop enacting new laws to further restrict the rights of law-abiding citizens! Please think about what you are doing -- this is not going to protect anyone, but it will definitely make it easier for you to prevent law-abiding citizens from protecting themselves, their loved ones, strangers, and yes - even you from actual criminals.

Sincerely,
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