

Good evening, legislators -

I am writing to you to express my opposition to HB 4145 and to request that you vote against its passing.

The major reasons I am opposed to this bill are:

1. The given definition of family member is extremely broad and likely to result in denying many Citizens their lawful a right to bare arms and protect themselves.
2. Because of the definition of family member and potential for misapplication or abuse among Citizens it is likely that unnecessary time and resources of law enforcement and the courts will be expended that otherwise could be used on more urgent and meaningful matters.
3. The bill is incorrect in its premise that gun control needs to be expanded. Virtually any study related to gun control indicates the most effective measures are (1) to enforce existing gun laws, (2) support law abiding Citizens in their effort to exercise their US and Oregon Constitutional rights (more well trained and armed Citizens improve the safety in the communities they are a part of) to own firearms, and (3) make gun laws clear and definitive to minimize misapplication and confusion.

As a US Marine with multiple deployments overseas and in the states I can positively state that disrupting firearms access of terrorist and criminal networks should be the first focus of our legislature. These networks pose far greater danger in size, scope, and effect, to our Citizens then potentially misbehaving civilians.

Again, I oppose this bill and request you vote NO.

Thank you for your time and service to our state and for reading this message.

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