



Ohio Gun Owners

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Members of the House Federalism and
Interstate Relations Committee

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RE: House Bill 142

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Lipps, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on House Bill 142 today.

I'm Chris Dorr, the Director for Ohio Gun Owners, and my testimony to you today is against the proposed substitute language for HB 142.

Ohio Gun Owners was happy to support the original HB 142 because it removed the onerous, anti-gun provision in current Ohio law that forces a citizen to notify an officer that they are exercising a Right.

In fact, Ohio Gun Owners, along with the Buckeye Firearms Association, Ohioans for Concealed Carry and the National Rifle Association all testified in favor of the original language.

And several of these organizations, ours included, mobilized their members to this no-compromise legislation because it was a good bill that accomplished a restoration that gun owners deserve.

For this committee to now swap out all that grassroots support in favor of a piecemeal substitute that doesn't go nearly far enough is disingenuous in the extreme.

Who is this committee trying to placate here?

As I already stated, pretty much every gun rights organization in Ohio already supported the no-compromise version, so I can only assume it is being done to placate organizations or other politicians that do not have the full restoration of gun owners' rights at heart.

As John Hohenwarter from the NRA said so excellently in his previous proponent testimony on the original version, HB 142 as originally written fixed mistakes from the early 2000's that were made to get concealed carry passed back then.

But back to this compromised substitute language, none of the underlying principles have changed.

Criminals will still refuse to produce their CHL cards when they are asked for their ID.

If their intent is to kill a cop, they'll ignore this compromised language just like they ignore the current law.

We don't have problems here in Ohio with law abiding gun owners threatening law enforcement officers.

It isn't law-abiding gun owners that disrespect, threaten or shoot law enforcement officers.

Whatever party is trying to be placated by this substitute language should be the ones forced to settle for less than what they want.

As for gun owners across Ohio, we won't settle for this.

Legislation like this will not be accepted as a substitute for passing major pro-gun reforms like Constitutional Carry and Stand-Your-Ground legislation, bills I might add that are passing in states all across America.

I thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today in opposition to the substitute language for House Bill 142.
