

Chairwoman Anielski, Vice Chair Hambley, Ranking Member Holmes, and Members of the House State and Local Government Committee, my name is Jamie Myers. I am a resident of Utica, Ohio, and a member of the Knox County Central Committee. More importantly, I am an Ohioan, combat veteran, taxpayer, wife and student of both the Constitution and Second Amendment. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to testify against House Bill 585 this morning.

I am opposed to House Bill 585, because I strongly believe that it violates my Second Amendment right to defend not only myself, but also my property. I also believe that House Bill 585 violates my Fourteenth Amendment right to due process. Section One of the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits states from depriving any citizen of life, liberty or property, without due process of law. This bill violates that Fourteenth Amendment right by allowing ex parte hearings against those who are believed to be at an extreme risk; and should the court decide through said hearing that a protection order be granted, that individual must voluntarily give up their firearms, or have them confiscated. What I would like to know is, where is the due process? What individual that might be labeled as homicidal would willingly give up their firearms? The only people this bill will effect are law abiding citizens.

In closing, I strongly urge the members of this committee to preserve the Constitutional rights of all Ohioans, and vote against House Bill 585. Thank you, again, for the opportunity to testify in opposition to House Bill 585.