

Joe Rieger's Testimony

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Chairman Becker, Vice Chairman Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller and members of the House Federalism Committee, thank you for this opportunity to testify on this wonderful legislation, House Bill 178.

Hello, I am a life-long resident of Ohio. I support the 2nd Amendment and I support House Bill 178 Constitutional Carry. Please enter this entire document into the record in support of HB 178. As Americans age we need to be able to protect ourselves from those who prey on us. We see daily reactionary Republican politicians who when a tragedy happens like in Las Vegas and/or Parkland are quick to act so "goody goody two shoes" and infringe on the 2nd Amendment and infringe on those who gave those politicians a job, this isn't too ever be forgotten. But for example Trumps bump stock ban, on CNN there is a Jewish Billionaire Republican donor who indicates I opine that he will cut off donations to politicians who don't ban assault weapons. Really call them black rifles. But is the 2nd Amendment for sale as the bump stock ban demonstrated. For those politicians who sell the second amendment for campaign donor cash my support/vote is now zero and my donations to you are now zero, you can trust me on this one. In 2011 FBI statistics indicated that 396 people died from hammer blows and 300 died from rifles of all types. Abortions have killed many more innocent children here are some statistics: According to the Guttmacher Institute, an estimated 926,240 abortions took place in the United States in 2014—down from **1.06 million** in 2011, 1.21 million abortions in 2008, 1.2 million in 2005, 1.29 million in 2002, 1.31 million in 2000 and 1.36 million in 1996. From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred in the U.S (AGI). Ironically I surmise THAT MOST IF NOT ALL ANTI-GUNNERS SUPPORT ABORTION ON DEMAND NO MATTER WHAT THEIR LOGOS SAYS IN MY HUMBLE OPINION. After all anyone can have a tee shirt made to say anything the anti-constitutionalist wants. So it is time to show Americans that you trust us, and not spend time and resources tying up Sheriff Departments with taking fees and printing off CCWs permits. Sheriff's have law enforcement work to do on the streets not in an administrative office role. Let Ohioans be able to protect their loved ones especially the most vulnerable innocent children, for God know too many innocent children have died at the hands of the abortionist and the abortionist supporter. Don't give deference over gun owning Ohioans and 2nd Amendment supporters to those who pre-meditate and kill children by abortion and simultaneously voice opposition to the US and Ohio Constitution and the 2nd Amendment. Criminals don't purchase CCWs so why should good people purchase CCWs. Life is more important than buying a permit/license. It's time to come to the dance and trust the people of Ohio as so many States are affording Constitutional Carry currently, and it is time to support HB 178 Constitutional Carry for Ohioans as I support HB 178.

Thank you for your time