

T.J. Downey's Testimony

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I would like to enter my testimony in favor of HB 178 into the official record.

I do not plan to attend the the committee and testify in person.

My testimony is that I deeply feel that as an Ohioan the requisite need to have and apply for a permit to carry a firearm is contrary to the Constitution of the United States. In fact the reason for the Bill of Rights was that "The Rights of the people Shall not be Ignored." Having read all of the notes by Adams during the Constitutional Convention, and the testimony and arguments during the amendments process in the newly formed Congress their aim was secure their own and future generations rights. I find no where a reluctance on the part of the members from each colony or nascent state to object to the Right to Bear Arms. Indeed it seemed a non sequitur as to even consider such a provision would ever be needed. I therefore urge you most Vehemently to pass this legislation on to the floor. Thank you for your time.

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