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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 174 & 178

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FEDERALISM COMMITTEE

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Good afternoon Chair Becker, Vice Chair Stolzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the House Federalism Committee.

Today, I submit my written testimony in opposition to House Bills 174 & 178, not only as an elected official of the City of Toledo, Ohio, but also as a 30-year veteran of the Toledo Police Department. Along with my testimony, I have attached a Toledo City Council Resolution pending adoption after the deadline for submitting testimony for this hearing.

Local communities have an obligation to protect the peace, health, and safety of their residents pursuant to the Home Rule Authority contained in the Ohio Constitution.

The authorization of the possession and concealed carry of deadly weapons by untrained and unlicensed individuals will do nothing to protect our children, our schools or the citizens of the City of Toledo and the State of Ohio.

The public safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Toledo and of the State of Ohio is jeopardized when,

- officers, in the course of their law enforcement duties, are unable to identify who may be in possession of a deadly weapon including a loaded firearm; and
- a deadly weapon is at the ready or in the hands of persons who have had no training in the use or misuse of said weapons.

Current law permits all Ohio residents to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun upon showing proof of competency certification, attesting to having read Ohio's Concealed Carry Laws manual, submitting fingerprints to their County Sheriff, and passing a federal NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System) check.

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- driver or occupant of a motor vehicle which is stopped by law enforcement to notify the officer that the individual has a concealed weapons license and is carrying a loaded handgun,
 - Would prohibit law enforcement officials from the search, seizure or momentary detention of any person because that person is carrying a deadly weapon, and
 - Would diminish the authority of employers to regulate the storage of a firearm or ammunition in an employee's personal vehicle by allowing employees, with or without a concealed weapons license, to transport or store a deadly weapon in a locked compartment of a personal vehicle while on the employer's property.

The Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence, Moms Demand Action, Fraternal Order of Police, many local leaders, law enforcement and state lawmakers oppose a law, which's permits concealed firearm carry without license, training or police notification.

Along with the Toledo Chief of Police and the aforementioned, it is my testimony today that I stand in strong

opposition to HB 174 & 178, both of which,

- Expand the statutory authority of persons to carry concealed a deadly weapon,
- Effect changes to and the elimination of license requirements attendant to the concealed carry of deadly weapons including but not limited to firearms, the elimination of the requirement that a driver or occupant of a motor vehicle notify a law enforcement officer acting within the scope of law enforcement activity that the individual is in possession of a concealed handgun license and is carrying a loaded handgun, and
- Authorize the expungement of conviction for a violation of that requirement all as are called for in H.B. 174 and H.B. 178 together with any other legislation that further erodes common sense restrictions on firearm and weapons possession in the City of Toledo and in the State of Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration and for allowing me to provide written testimony to the committee.
