



Ohio Gun Owners

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Chris Dorr
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RE: House Bill 425 Interested Party Testimony

Chairman Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the House Federalism Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify to you today.

I'm Chris Dorr, the Director for Ohio Gun Owners.

I'm sad to say that I'm standing here today to offer interested party testimony on the bill rather than proponent testimony on behalf of our membership.

In the 132nd General Assembly, House Bill 142 as originally introduced completely solved the problem that this bill, HB425, once again fails to completely address.

Sadly, that bill was watered down to appease special interest groups with left-leaning ideologies, like the political law-enforcement associations that routinely appear before these committees and testify against gun rights bills.

And quite frankly, the parties who agreed to or signed off on watering that bill down are a major part of the reason why this bill is once again in front of us now.

Policy-wise, a complete repeal of the mandate to notify anyone that a lawful citizen is exercising a right that was not bestowed on them by government is what gun owners are after... along with a bunch of other stuff.

Politically speaking, however, this bill doesn't move any needles or provide any cover from the ever-increasing ire of gun owners.

The fact is, gun owners deserve a whole lot better than the treatment they've been getting from a lot of the folks around here.

One proviso I will mention is that we do/did support the amendment striking the penalties from the bill altogether.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify before you today on HB425.