

Testimony on House Bill 425
Ohio House Federalism Committee
Rep. John Becker, Chair
Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus, Vice Chair
Rep. Adam C. Miller, Ranking Member

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Chair Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the House Federalism Committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony on House Bill 425.

My name is Sieglinde Martin, and I am speaking to you today as a concerned constituent.

Under current law a concealed handgun licensee, when stopped for law enforcement purposes must promptly inform the officer of this fact and disclose if s/he is carrying a handgun. This is a reasonable law and in no way infringes upon the licensee's Second Amendment rights. At the time of its enacted the law received widespread support from the law enforcement community and from the general public.

By changing the penalty for disobeying this law to \$ 25 or less, H.B. 425 undermines the practical intend of the original law.

That insignificant fine results in an almost meaningless law. It invites handgun carriers to disregard the law.

Dear Committee Members, please consider the potentially life-threatening negative consequences of “watering down” the current law. Instead of being politically ‘threatened’ and harassed by misguided small fringe groups, kindly continue to give the highest priority to the physical safety of our hardworking police officers. I am sure you agree that they deserve all the protection we can provide them. These courageous men and women protect us from harm every single day of the year.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my testimony.