

My name is Nicholas Olexa, and I am writing in support of HB178 for Ohio constitutional carry. As an Ohio resident, I feel it is necessary for my safety to concealed carry a firearm without the requirement for acquiring a CCW license. I have a right to defend my family and friends with lethal force if the situation requires and should not be forced to ask for permission and give law enforcement my sensitive information to do so. Forcing law abiding citizens to gain a license to concealed carry a firearm is not only an infringement of their rights, but is dangerous as they will potentially become targets as their information is kept by law enforcement. This information can be exploited in several ways such as doxing and firearm confiscation attempts. Law abiding citizens should not be treated like untrusted potential criminals while true criminals and not asking permission to carry their firearms.

Furthermore, it is our constitutional right to bear arms without government consent as American citizens. The state of Ohio must join the other 16 states in restoring our constitutional freedoms.

I would like my statements to be submitted as written testimony and added to the record.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Olexa