

Testimony of Rob Sexton on behalf of the Buckeye Firearms Association

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Mr. Chairman, members of the House Federalism Committee, it is my pleasure to testify in favor of House Bill 425. After observing the testimony offered last week, I will keep my remarks brief. There's a lot of debate about differing ways to provide gun owners the rights they're entitled to under our constitution. There are a lot of differing views on how to get that done.

House Bill 425 should not fall into that debate. House Bill 425 is attempting to address a flaw in Ohio law that entraps well meaning, and law-abiding gun owners. We've had lots of testimony providing real life experiences where the arbitrary meaning of the word promptly has led to differing interpretations of the law. As a result, the law has failed gun owners, who are a group of people who take the law very seriously.

We know that Ohio's Duty to Notify law is out of step with the rest of the country, with 41 states addressing this issue better than we do here. The current law on this subject, is simply bad law that does not well serve gun owners or law enforcement.

Removing the duty to inform is the simplest path to this goal. Taking this path puts the control of the conversation into the hands of the officer as is the case with the other factors involved in most interactions between people and law enforcement, especially traffic stops.

Thank you for your time.