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Members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee:

My names is John Weber and I represent the National Rifle Association of America. The NRA and its members support House Bill 425 and applaud Representative Wiggam for its introduction.

This bill eliminates Ohio's ambiguous requirement that a Concealed Handgun License holder must "promptly" disclose they are carrying a firearm. The law as currently written has the potential to be unevenly enforced and can be confusing for law-abiding gun owners in Ohio. The question is, what is "promptly"? This language is confusing and can lead to misunderstandings during encounters with law enforcement. Encounters with Law Enforcement can be stressful and, given the situation, it is understandable that people sometimes forget about their duty to notify. Additionally, the responsibility to inform law enforcement officers that they are carrying does not apply to people who are not legally carrying a firearm.

Currently 41 of 50 states have no Duty to Notify in law. These states understand the confusion that can accompany a "prompt" duty to notify and train law enforcement to assume that any citizen could be in possession of a firearm.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify existing law and to address a flaw in Ohio law that can entrap law-abiding gun owners. It's a simple bill to help both law enforcement and citizens avoid misunderstandings.

It is for these reasons that the NRA encourage you to back this important piece of legislation. We respectfully requests that you support House Bill 425.

Sincerely,

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