

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 06-09-2021

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Are you representing: Yourself Organization

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): SB 59

Specific Issue: War Relics

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? 5 mins

Please provide a brief statement on your position: These war relics need protection so future generations can learn there family and State history. And something that they can take great pride in.

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Chairman Haraz Ghanbari, Senator Tim Schaffer, Representative Adam Miller and all members of the House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee, as well as all Veterans:

Once again, it is my privilege to address the Committee regarding Senate Bill 59. I have been pleased to work with Sen. Schaffer on many occasions to bring this needed bill to the floor.

As stated in previous testimony, our great state needs to move to protect our country's history, not only in writing and textbooks, but also in retired artillery pieces that have been in the possession of many Ohioans over the past centuries. My original concern was with the Civil War era pieces, as I am a 49-year re-enactor, but now I am concerned about all our country's past wars including all historical pieces and monuments that represent those wars.

In recent years, I spearheaded the successful drive to restore the tube and rebuild the carriage of the cannon located in Veterans' Park in downtown Lancaster. This is the cannon that was donated to the City of Lancaster by General William Tecumseh Sherman. Being a blood relative of General Ulysses S. Grant, I feel a deep connection to not only this cannon, but all artifacts and historical pieces.

I continue to feel the need to remember our history, both good and bad, and teach this to our future generations. We can only move forward when we have respect for those who have come before us, learn from their misfortunes as well as successes, and strive to better ourselves.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to express my support of this legislature.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Major Donald L. Grant, Sr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Major Donald L. Grant, Sr.

Past Ohio Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Chief of Staff, 3rd Military District, Sons of Veterans Reserve