

I strongly oppose Sub SB 185 on the grounds that it will chill First Amendment rights to free speech. If firearms and explosives are allowed into areas of protest the potential for violence is enormous. It would require anyone wishing to raise their voice in support of or in opposition to an action to be willing to risk their life to exercise their right to free speech. If it becomes necessary for all citizens to arm themselves in the pursuit of the constitutional right of free speech Ohio will become a lawless state and the only beneficiaries will be those arms dealers who propose and fund this type of legislation. I urge you to vote no on this bill.