

To: The Oversight Committee

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I am writing in opposite to Ohio SB 185.

There is a difference between absolute freedom and liberty that does not infringe on the rights and safety of others. SB 185 would allow unfettered access to any means of deadly force except dynamite. So persons who disagree with the concerns of lawful protestors won't be able to stroll down the street tossing dynamite, but they could carry automatic weapons, any form of ammunition, and they could drop by the local gun store for reloading. Additionally the protestors could be "cordoned" off effectively removing them from effective protest.

This is a dangerous bill that endangers protestors, bystanders, and law enforcement. Police officers do not need vigilantes "helping" them. Under Ohio law a person may have the right to carry, but they do not have the right to endanger the public good.