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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and Members of the House State and Local Government Committee thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 62, commonly referred to as the Ohio Second Amendment Safe Haven Act.

With the new administration in Washington, many of my constituents have been reaching out to me scared that their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Rights will be unconstitutionally curtailed and that they as law abiding citizens might become criminals. It is with them in mind that I decided to sponsor this proposal. As we all took oaths to uphold the Constitution of this Great Nation, I want to do what I can to ensure that our Constitutional Rights are not infringed by radical and unconstitutional gun control laws or executive orders.

We've already seen recently where the Biden Administration is trying to pass new gun control policy via executive order, circumventing the Congress as he attempts to circumvent our rights. This bill specifies that infringements to people's right to keep and bear arms shall be considered invalid in Ohio; prohibiting any person from having the authority to enforce or attempt to enforce such infringements. Should a person knowingly violate this bill's provisions then they may be liable to the injured party and further may be ineligible to serve as a law enforcement officer.

Many other states have already passed similar legislation, they include Kansas, Idaho, Wyoming, and Alaska. However, many more States are currently considering legislation including Arkansas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas, and Missouri. Many of these states are moving fast to ensure that they have a framework in place before the Biden Administration passes even further restrictions to the Bill of Rights. We are not alone in considering this language and we should work towards passing this bill to make sure it is known that Ohio is a safe haven for our fundamental rights as American citizens.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 62. I would also like to thank Representative Grendell for joint sponsoring this bill with me. I am more than happy to answer any questions.