

**Opposition Testimony on House Bill 62
State and Local Government Committee**

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Chairman Wiggams, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly and committee members,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to House Bill 62. My name is Jessica Hubbard. I live in Fairview Park, OH., and I am a kindergarten teacher.

As early as kindergarten, we start teaching our children about the Constitution. Then in first and second grades, we start teaching them about the levels of government: state, federal and local. Even our 6 and 7 year olds know that to be good citizens, they have to obey the law. Yet it seems that the sponsors of this bill have forgotten the basic lessons. The concept of being a second amendment sanctuary state is in direct opposition to the US Constitution. Gun rights advocates constantly proclaim their second amendment rights because those rights are enshrined in the Constitution. But the Constitution also enshrines the fact that federal laws supersede state laws. You don't get to pick and choose WHICH federal laws your state will honor. If your state citizens don't like the federal law, they can work to elect federal legislators who will change it. But a Quinnipiac poll released in 2019 showed that 90% of Ohioans want common sense gun legislation, like our federal background check system. Ohio's current background checks, while not perfect (especially since they don't apply to online gun sales) have prevented more than 81,000 sales to prohibited purchasers in Ohio since 1998. A study by Boston University's School of Public Health in 2017 found that states with more relaxed rules for carrying concealed firearms have a higher rate of gun deaths than states that have tougher regulations. Research, common sense and overwhelming public opinion all tell us clearly what we should do. Reject HB 62 and leave Ohio's background checks in place. State legislators should be role models and show our children that even if you don't personally agree with every federal law, you must still obey it.

Respectfully,
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