

State and Local Government Committee

Opposition Testimony on HB 62

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I am writing this testimony as a private, and very concerned, citizen. I oppose HB 62. This bill would put Ohio children, families, and communities at even more risk of gun violence. We already lose 13,000 Ohioans each year to gun violence, including 113 children. I believe in law and order. But this bill would mislead some criminals into thinking that federal laws, like background checks, no longer apply to them in Ohio. The result will be more gun deaths in our state.

The Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that states cannot overrule Federal Laws. Our Founding Fathers made it clear in the US Constitution that Federal Laws are the "law of the land." I do not want to live in a lawless state where criminals, convicted drug dealers and domestic abusers can confidently buy and carry guns on our streets. This bill even proposes to fire any police officer who enforces gun laws!

Please put the safety of your constituents first and reject House Bill 62

Thank you,

Jennifer Madaffer