

June 8, 2021

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the State and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to written testimony in opposition to House Bill 62. My name is Leah Knapp. I am resident of Chagrin Falls (Geauga), the mother of an elementary-school-aged daughter, and a 20+ year marketing professional, having worked for a variety of large companies both in other states and here in Ohio.

My husband and I choose to call Ohio home because we believe it provides the right balance of employment opportunities, education for our daughter, and exposure to cultural and social experiences.

I use the word balance because is an important concept for my family and me.

Lack of balance is only one reason **I am so strongly opposed to House Bill 62**. As our country and our state continue to deal with armed extremists who believe rules don't apply to them, this bill continues to tip the balance of power toward that anti-government sentiment.

HB62 ties the hand of local officials who are doing their level best to ensure our safety, and undermines the rule of law locally, statewide and at the federal level.

If we truly care about lives of the everyday citizens here in Ohio – as well as law enforcement who choose to put their lives on the line to defend ours – you will vote **no** on this dangerous, unnecessary and unbalanced bill, rather than continue to give outsized power to extremists who need no further encouragement to ignore our laws.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely,  
Leah Knapp  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio