

Testimony on House Bill 62
House State and Local Government Committee
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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 62. My name is Rebecca Gorski. I am a constituent of the bill sponsor, State Representative Diane Grendell, and I am opposed to this bill.

As a resident of Rep Grendell's House District 76, I have seen the confusion from HB 62 among Ohio residents first hand as local Geauga County townships pass Second Amendment Sanctuary resolutions, including my own township of Chester. These resolutions are being reported in the local paper as being of "support of House Bill 62, known as the 'Ohio Second Amendment Safe Haven Act,' which will designate Ohio as a Second Amendment protective state."

What is dangerously misunderstood, and celebrated, among township residents in response to these symbolic resolutions is the belief state and federal laws no longer need to be upheld. Should HB 62 pass, this bill would send a false message across the state of Ohio that federal gun laws do not need to be enforced. HB 62 would be unclear to law-abiding gun owners and expose them to the risk of criminal liability.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.