

Hello, and thank you for taking the time to read my written witness testimony. My name is Dustin Camello, I am a 33 year old Ohio citizen living in Perry county. I am submitting this testimony as part of my organization, the Irregulars of Ohio Reserve Militia (IORM). The IORM is a pro-constitutional, non partisan, private organization composed of lawful Ohio citizens and organized as an unorganized militia in accordance with the second amendment to the United States constitution, the Militia act of 1791, and Ohio revised code. The IORM works with state and local police and community members to provide service to our families, service to our communities, and service to the state of Ohio during times of hardship and emergency.

My testimony will focus on my support for HR62, the Ohio second amendment safe Haven act, and it's importance to the IORM. I first want to recite the wording of the second amendment to the constitution of the United states. This amendment reads; "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." This amendment is extremely important to our organization, as it protects our freedoms to keep and bear arms for our own defense and defense of our families and communities. This amendment, along with Ohio revised code, also preserves our right to organize as a lawfully protected unorganized militia, which allows us to maintain operational readiness to support our community and the state of Ohio in the event of emergencies. As a result, our organization has on several occasions been able to provide effective relief efforts in response to natural disasters and personal emergencies within the state of Ohio.

All members of the IORM have chosen to make their home within the state of Ohio. There are many reasons for this, not the least of which being that Ohio has always been a friendly state for our second amendment rights and the rights of pro-constitutional militia organizations. Most of us live in counties that have declared themselves to be second amendment sanctuaries. Because of this, we see the passage of HR62, the Ohio second amendment safe haven act, to be a logical and welcome next step in the preservation of our rights.

We fervently believe that the prohibition of lawfully possessed, legally acquired arms that are in common use violates the second amendment to the constitution of the United states, and that in the event that such a law were to be passed, or executive order be issued by the United states Federal government, it will be struck down by the United States Supreme Court. However, this process will take years to accomplish, and during this time many citizens will be denied their natural rights to defend themselves with the best arms conducive to this role. Therefore, we find that it is imperative that OSASHA be passed with no weakening amendments added to it, as it would provide an effective, if temporary, sanctuary for Ohio citizens to keep and bear arms for defense of hearth and home.

Many will dispute the constitutionality of this bill based on the supremacy clause. I would remind them that the supreme court has on multiple occasions upheld the right of the states to withhold funding for the enforcement of federal legislation within their borders, as well as law enforcement's right to to apply discretion in the enforcement of laws. Therefore, this bill does not violate the United States supremacy clause, it merely enforces the State of Ohio's

commitment to its citizens natural rights by defining what is an infringement of said rights and directing that such infringements are not to be carried out by state and local law enforcement. It would not prevent Federal agencies from enforcing these laws or executive orders, it would only provide a deterrent effect by allowing the injured citizen to sue the offending agency in civil court.

In closing, we welcome and highly encourage the passage of HR62, the Ohio second amendment safe haven act, out of committee in its present form and promote its swift passage through the Ohio legislature. We are confident that the passage of this bill into law will continue to ensure excellent relationships between State and local law enforcement and its citizens as well as to further cement the Ohio legislature's continued commitment to preserving the rights of its citizens.