



Sponsor Testimony for HB 259 Before the State and Local Committee

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Thank you Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, and Ranking Member Kelly as well as the members of the State and Local Committee for allowing me to submit testimony on behalf HB 259, an incredibly important public safety bill.

This common sense gun safety legislation would require all firearms transactions to be processed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), closing the current loopholes in law that allow many guns sales to occur without a background check.

In Ohio, it should not be easier to own a gun than to vote.

This bill keeps guns out of the hands of those who are known not to be law abiding citizens.

This closes the dangerous “gun show loophole” that currently allows illegal buyers, gun traffickers, and those who cannot pass background checks to easily buy firearms - physically or online.

Requiring universal background checks simply makes it much more difficult for guns to get into the hands of those who should not be in possession of a weapon designed to kill.

If you cannot pass a simple background check, you should not be able to buy a gun. It is that simple.

This bill ensures a violent boyfriend with a restraining order or a dangerous person with an outstanding warrant for a violent felony does not have easy access to acquiring a firearm in the marketplace.

This bill protects women, children, families, and law enforcement.

Supporting the Second Amendment means supporting responsible gun owners. This bill does that.

We have seen far too much gun violence to continue to wish the problem away. We need action.