

Proponent Testimony SB357
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Chairman Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of Senate Bill 357. As a constituent of Senator Dolan's, I commend him for introducing this bill. Ideally, it should not take courage for a lawmaker to introduce a bill but in our state's current climate regarding any type of gun reform, it is a very courageous move.

This bill is in no way an overreach and will do nothing to adversely affect a responsible gun owner's rights. Even so, the extreme gun lobby will push back against SB357 proving that their concerns are not for responsible gun ownership. To the contrary, they believe in no-holds-barred access to the purchase and possession of deadly weapons that kill over 1600 Ohioans every year and costs Ohio's taxpayers nearly \$500 million a year. SOURCE: TED R. MILLER AND BRUCE LAWRENCE ANALYSIS OF CDC FATAL INJURY: 2019 AND HCUP NONFATAL INJURY: 2019.

I hope that this committee and this legislature in general will keep this in mind when considering SB357.