

Senate Finance Committee
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SB 357 Proponent Testimony

Hello, my name is Dion Green, and I am from Dayton, Ohio. The reason why I am submitting my testimony in regards to SB357 is because on August 4th, 2019, there was a mass shooting that took place in a popular area in Dayton, Ohio called The Oregon District that claimed 9 lives, which one of the lives was my father, Derrick Fudge, who was shot and killed beside me in the street.

So, the reason why I am submitting my testimony in favor of SB357, because I believe a bill like this could have prevented the mass shooting that occurred here that night but also across the country as well. I am in favor of the Behavioral Risk Assessment because it would allow you to evaluate and stop certain individuals from obtaining a weapon due to the evaluation process showing if he/she is showing signs of causing harm to self and others.

So today I ask that you consider passing SB357 into law to at least help save the lives we can save from passing this bill. I always say one life is worth saving and that should always be the reason to consider passing a bill that can save lives of others.

Because I really do feel like if this bill was in effect in 2019, I believe my father and the other 8 lives taken that night, our loved ones, would possibly be here with us, and each family would not be in a cycle of pain constantly trying to figure out why was this not preventable. But this could had been prevented due to all the red flags that were shown leading up to the shooting.

So, I am asking you today for us to work together to find common ground to be able to help our citizens and our great state of Ohio by doing the right thing. So please consider SB357.

Thank you,

Dion Green