

## MEMORANDUM

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DATE: December 05, 2022

TO: Members of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Kent Mitchell

RE: Opposition to Senate Bill 357

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Chairman Matt Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee, I offer this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 357 sent on Monday afternoon, December 05, 2022.

This bill is an attack against all law-abiding citizens and should be rejected in its totality because it constitutes a vicious attack on the civil rights and freedoms of Ohioans to Keep and Bear Arms. This is nothing more than another attempt at Red Flag Gun Confiscation and will do nothing to prevent criminals from still doing what they are going to do anyway. If we aren't holding people accountable for the crimes that they have already committed, what good is another law that really only impacts law-abiding citizens?

This bill is nearly identical to Michael Bloomberg's Universal Gun Registration scheme. It arrogates power to the General Assembly to classify firearms as something for which it does not have the authority, and it further builds and expands the centralized database that an out-of-control government wants to use for future gun confiscation.

Understand that all Representatives have taken an oath to protect our Constitutional rights. They are NOT put in office to find new ways to take more of our rights away from us. Learn the Constitution and spent your time protecting it, per your oath of office. Introducing any bill that goes against our Constitutional rights, is an act of Treason on the American people. Remember... "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall NOT be infringed". There is middle ground. So stop looking for new ways to skate around these rights.

We urge members of this committee who are conservatives and those who care about the civil liberties of their constituents to publicly oppose, block, call for record votes at every step of the way, and vote NO on Senate Bill 357 every single chance they get.