

Chairman Matt Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee, I offer my testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 357 on behalf of the members and supporters of Ohio Gun Owners, sent on Friday afternoon, December 02, 2022.

I want to urge the members of this committee who are concerned about liberty, upholding the US Constitution and particularly the 2nd amendment to vote NO on Senate Bill 357. Our founding fathers were brilliant and studied human nature and how it reacted with governments throughout history and one of the main ways they came up with this brilliant document. "US Constitution". These weren't just idle suggestions but thought out liberties to protect us not just from foreign governments but mostly our US and State governments that turn tyrannical and not protecting the peoples rights as written. This bill represents what foreign powers and what the Marxist left wants and this is to take power away from the people and bring it to the governments and in this case the General Assembly of Ohio. Remember we are a Republic and not a total Democracy where the people give the representatives their authority to be governed the way the people want and not at the whim of elected officials, other governments or powerful wealthy people who think they know better and have the capital to enact their Marxist ideas. I believe these ideas are acting out right now throughout our country and this Senate Bill 357 is another step to achieving their goals. Furthermore, the 2nd Amendment is the only amendment in the Bill of Rights that has a guarantee clause in it to protect the "Peoples" right to bear arms "shall not be infringed". This bill has Red Flag Gun Confiscation and infringement written all over it with lots of potential misuse.

Another problem this bill creates is a list of gun owners that further sets up the possibility of gun confiscation. In the future, the government can simply go around to Ohio households and confiscate legal firearms and leave the citizens defenseless. As an Ohio resident, I urge members of this committee to vote no on this Senate Bill 357!

Thank you for your time.
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