

To: Chairman / Senator Matt Dolan
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Re: Opposition Testimony (Written Only) to SB 357

Senator Dolan, I offer the following testimony in STAUNCH OPPOSITION to SB 357!!

As a law abiding gun owner for over fifty years, a volunteer Ohio Hunter Education instructor for over forty years and a NRA certified instructor for over thirty years, I believe I have the experience and expertise to know what does and does not work in facilitating firearms safety. Senate Bill 357 does NOT promote firearms safety. It **does** advance the anti second amendment agenda of Michael Bloomberg and others who seek to diminish the constitutional rights that **you took an oath to uphold!**

Extreme risk protective orders (aka Red Flag laws) are an affront to due process guaranteed by the U.S. constitution. Just as domestic violence laws have been used to intimidate and coerce parties to divorce and child custody proceedings, Red Flag laws are ripe for similar abuses. The fact that SB 357 would not take: cars, knives, bats and numerous other deadly weapons from targeted individuals, proves SB 357 is NOT a safety law but purely an attempt to implement more gun control.

As a former partner in Cheyenne Arms Inc. a federally licensed firearms retail enterprise, I have personal experience with how law enforcement agencies handle and store confiscated firearms. The primary activity of Cheyenne Arms Inc. was to purchase confiscated firearms from law enforcement agencies and then sell them to lawful firearms purchasers. Few if any Ohio law enforcement agencies have the space, resources or expertise to confiscate, retain and store valuable firearms in a manner that does not detract from their value. As a LIFE MEMBER of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association, I have met numerous Ohio gun owners whose gun collections have values of tens and hundreds of thousands of dollars. Knowing SB 357 can imperil these collections and collectors based solely on the allegations of individuals who may or may not be credible is an outrage.

The provision that would require ADULTS who are eighteen to twenty years old to have an adult at least twenty-one years old to co-sign in order to purchase some long guns is an insult to EVERY person of this age group that has enlisted in the armed services. It is also a thinly veiled attempt to disenfranchise these targeted adults by discouraging potential co-signers with legal liability.

The provision of the Bill that creates a method for a perspective firearms transferee to receive a "current seller's protection certificate" from an approved law enforcement agency, is an invitation to bureaucratic nightmares. The last time I attempted to renew my Ohio License to Carry a Concealed Handgun in Lorain County, I was told the next available appointment was almost six months away. Because the proposed certificate would empower the issuing agency to charge no more than \$10.00, I cannot believe issuing agencies would make processing these certificates a high priority.

Senator Dolan, before attempting to enact new gun control measures, I suggest and request that you read and contemplate the U.S. Supreme Courts recent ruling on New York State Rifle and Pistol Association Inc. Vs. Bruen. If you truly desire to honor your oath to uphold the U.S. Constitution, you will OPPOSE passage of SB 357.

*Yours For Freedom,
Jim Dowdell Freedom First and Always!
"Liberties Once Surrendered are Seldom Restored"*