

TO: Chairman Matt Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee.

Dear Chairman Matt Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I offer this testimony December 5, 2022 in opposition to Senate Bill 357 on behalf of myself and other Ohio firearm owners known to me.

This bill is an overstep of power on the part of a few politicians that are defying the intent and will of Ohio voters as seen in the most recent state election cycle. It constitutes an attack on established civil rights and freedoms of law-abiding Ohioans to Keep and Bear Arms as guaranteed by the US Constitution, and should be rejected in its totality as it imposes tests and procedures or burdens of proof on law-abiding citizens on the basis of accusations or hearsay. It is a flagrant Red Flag Gun Confiscation bill akin to Michael Bloomberg's Universal Gun Registration scheme as it arrogates power to the General Assembly to classify firearms as something for which it does not have Constitutional authority. Furthermore, it builds and expands a centralized database that could be used for future gun confiscation.

I urge all members of this committee who care about the civil liberties of their constituents to publicly oppose, block, and call for record of votes at every step of the way. I urge a NO vote on Senate Bill 357 every single time it comes up.

Thank you.

Robert Griffin