

Chairman Peterson & esteemed committee members,

I fully support Ohio's Second Amendment Protection Act. The right to bear arms is an essential aspect of individual freedom and self-defense. Any attempt to infringe on this right, whether through legislation or executive action, is an affront to individual liberty and a threat to values, upon which, this country was founded.

The Second Amendment Protection Act ensures that Ohioans have the means to defend themselves and their loved ones in the face of danger. It sends a message that the government is not the sole provider of security, and that citizens have the right to take their safety into their own hands. The Act also protects against potential overreach by federal authorities seeking to undermine the Second Amendment, ensuring that Ohio will remain a bastion of freedom in an increasingly uncertain world.

Furthermore, as a victim of domestic violence, a kidnapping & several attempts on my life by a certain ex girlfriend & her friends, the one right that I hold most dear, is one afforded to me, not by man but rather by the grace of God & affirmed by the United States constitution & that right is our 2nd amendment.

It ensures that should I ever need to stare death in the face again, I will be able to protect myself & my family more efficiently than I protected myself in the past without the need to jump through bureaucratic red tape.

Finally, I am a person with a disability, I have had hydrocephalus since birth due to being born 16 week early. This makes it so I need to protect my head from injury as much as possible to prevent a hasty death due to damage to the device implanted in me to regulate cerebral spinal fluid.

This premature birth also lead to near complete blindness in my left eye so without the ability to protect myself & family with a firearm, I would be putting myself & my family at a severe disadvantage should the need arise to protect myself or my loved ones.

In closing, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to allow my voice to be heard with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gibbs