

HB 51 PROPONENT TESTITMONY

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

We are here because of the ever increasing trespasses of our rights. Our federal government was created by the states, and laws that govern us are to be created by our Legislative branch, not the Executive branch nor the Judicial branch, and certainly not through unelected bureaucrats working for government agencies. I'm not a fan of Executive Orders that unconstitutionally regulate rights, and I'm really not a fan of threats issued to citizens by Presidents or Representatives. Or should I say those who consider themselves rulers and kings in lieu of servants of the people. In the past several years I literally could not believe the words I've heard coming from the mouths of those sworn to uphold the Constitution. From President Trump saying "take the guns first, go through due process second" to Eric Swalwell (in regard to Americans who wouldn't comply with gun confiscation) saying "And it would be a short war my friend – the government has nukes – too many of them – but they're legit" to President Biden saying "for those

brave right wing Americans who say the 2nd Amendment is all about keeping America independent and safe, you need an F15 – you need more than a gun” to an additional quote from him which says “people need F15’s and maybe some nuclear weapons.” Never did I EVER think I’d hear words such as these coming from the mouths of those entrusted with the sacred duty of “protecting our rights”. To say that the federal government has earned our distrust is the understatement of the year. It is blatantly evident that the federal government is ready and willing to use our own forces against us because these statements are outright threats.

Yet what happens when federal agencies violate their own rules? I’ve seen videos of ATF agents taking digital photos of FFL forms which is against the law. Nothing happened. In a more extreme example, what happened to the agent who shot Randy Weaver’s wife, son, dog and friend? All charges dropped. All that for failing to show up for a court hearing. It is well past time to stop cooperating with the federal government.

HB51 is a good bill. Nullification is a good and peaceful way to reign in unconstitutional laws and actions. I have a quote from an article by a man named Michael Lemieux. He said “laws do not stop crimes – they create crime where none existed”. And that is exactly what this new

“regulation” on pistol braces is. Creating a felony where there was none. Now I personally don’t own a pistol brace nor did I ever own a bumpstock but that doesn’t mean I don’t have a dog in this fight. A pistol brace no more makes a pistol a short barreled rifle than attaching a pony to a Budweiser wagon makes it a Clydesdale. Its ridiculous and is nothing more than a backdoor method for the registration of pistols. This type of violation of our rights needs to stop and in no way should the great State of Ohio be a participant in any way.

Don’t allow the officers of the state be used to violate the inherent rights of its citizens. The more states that refuse to allow themselves to be used by the federal government to force their unconstitutional acts upon Americans the sooner we can begin to regain a level of trust that our rights are not being violated.