

Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony: HB 51
Submitted by: Kate Dieble

To the Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 51.

I live in North Canton which a small town in Stark County. I oppose HB 51.

I believe in the US Constitution. We are “a nation of laws” and that is what sets us apart from other nations. The US Constitution makes it clear that federal laws supersede state laws, except for certain powers that are reserved for the states. HB 51 would allow our state legislature to nullify any federal gun law in Ohio and take away valuable federal safety measures designed to protect Ohioans. The authors of this bill only seem to want to preserve the Constitution when it comes to the 2nd Amendment. They don’t seem interested in preserving the constitutional rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness afforded to ALL Americans.

I object to my tax dollars being used to pay the heavy fines and law suits that this bill will impose on Ohio police for following US law. I will also have to bear the cost of the law suits that HB 51 will allow on our towns, cities, and counties.

This bill will almost certainly be struck down by the courts as unconstitutional, just as a similar law was in Missouri last week. You should not waste tax money defending this bill in federal court.

Please vote “no” on HB51.

Respectfully,
Kate Dieble