

**Opposition Testimony HB 51 (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Preservation Act)  
From Joseph Blubaugh**

Chairman, Ranking Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 51.

My name is Joseph Blubaugh and I am a resident of North Canton, a nice quiet town in Stark County.

***Even if you make some changes to this bill, like taking out penalties for Police, you must reject HB51!*** Ohio has a gun violence epidemic. Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens in Ohio. The CDC reports that an average of 144 children and teens die by guns in Ohio every year. According to the Brookings Institute, there are 400 million guns in circulation in the US population of 330 million people. The mass shootings that we are seeing every week are constant proof that having more guns in our country is not making us safer! By nullifying federal gun laws, this bill will make guns accessible to more people who should not have them.

In addition, this bill will subject cities, counties, etc, to law suits and substantial financial penalties for enforcing federal laws...in other words, for doing their jobs and for saving our lives! This bill is an astonishingly terrible idea!

Reliable polling shows that the vast majority of Ohioans want common sense gun laws.

Stop pandering to the NRA and listen to Ohio voters! Vote NO on HB51.

Respectfully,  
Joseph Blubaugh