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Proponent Testimony of

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Chair Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the House Public Safety Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify as a proponent of Senate Bill 273.

My name is Eric Delbert and I have been in law enforcement for 31yrs, and along with my family, own L.E.P.D. Firearms, Range & Training Facility in Columbus Ohio. Since starting this business in 2006, our primary focus has been and continues to be on the safe, responsible ownership of firearms. Just like the individual firearm owner, we too have a responsibility to do anything in our control to ensure firearms are used in a safe manner and kept out of the hands of those not legally able to possess them and just as important, to help individuals who are considering doing harm to themselves and others.

I support SB273 because I have seen firsthand working in our community, the devastation suicide can bring to a family. By allowing firearm retailers such as L.E.P.D. to serve as a place where individuals can bring a firearm during their most difficult time would strengthen our focus on serving our community and would most certainly impact lives.

Safe, responsible ownership of firearms is not one statement for one day but rather is an ongoing commitment from retailers and firearms owners such as ourselves, to provide every means possible to help those in need. Thank you Madam Chair for the opportunity to testify and for identifying a way for all of us to make a measurable difference.

SB273 will most certainly save lives and L.E.P.D. is proud to be a part of this historic opportunity.

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