

Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chairman Miller, ranking members, and members of the committee. My name is Abby Twarek Rainieri.

I am a lifelong Ohio resident, living in Cleveland, a volunteer for Sandy Hook Promise, the mother of a 5-year old, and an architect that has planned and designed K-12 schools for the past 18 years.

I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 273. This state will greatly benefit from this bill, and I am so proud to know that SB273 is receiving bipartisan support.

I am not a gun owner, but I care passionately about creating and maintaining safe spaces for children. I have many family members and friends who own guns. Should one of them need an option to store their guns due to travel, relocation due to natural disaster, or, my most pressing fear, mental health or safety concerns, I would want them to have an easy, accessible, and confidential pathway to do so.

SB273 can help provide the option so that gun storage is left to responsible, capable, and knowledgeable entities. Those who volunteer to store firearms for others should have assurances that they will not face adverse consequences for helping.

I believe S.B. No. 273 respects Ohio's gun culture and strengthens responsible gun ownership. Any paths toward safer places for Ohio's children should be advanced and celebrated. I ask you to please support this bill.

Thank you.