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Mr. Chair Abrams and Members of the House Public Safety Committee,

My name is John Weber and I represent the National Rifle Association and our members in Ohio. The NRA supports Senate Bill 273 and thanks Senator Koehler for its introduction.

For more than 150 years, the NRA has championed the safe, legal, and responsible use of firearms. This legislation will allow gun owners secure storage during life circumstances when they voluntarily choose to store their firearms away from home. Whether due to relocation, travel, work obligations, or personal reasons.

Many firearm retailers and law enforcement agencies are willing to offer secure, temporary storage but are understandably concerned by the risk of frivolous lawsuits.

Senate Bill 273 resolves this barrier by establishing clear procedures for storage and granting civil immunity to retailers and law enforcement agencies that follow existing law. This protection will reassure those that would offer the service.

The bill imposes no mandate on retailers or law enforcement to provide storage, nor does it dictate the terms of any agreement with the firearm owner. It simply ensures that those who voluntarily store firearms are shielded from liability for the independent actions of the gun owner.

This bill does not require gun owners to store firearms or create any mandates for involuntary storage. Participation remains entirely voluntary for both parties.

This straightforward measure is supported by gun owners, retailers, law enforcement, mental health professionals, suicide prevention advocates, and Second Amendment organizations.

The National Rifle Association strongly supports Senate Bill 273 and urges the committee to advance it to the full Senate for a vote.

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