



Ohio Gun Owners

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DATE: June 25, 2025
TO: Senate Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public
Safety Committee
FROM: Rob Knisley, Political Director, Ohio Gun Owners
RE: Proponent Testimony on SB214

Chairman and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rob Knisley, and I'm here on behalf of **Ohio Gun Owners**, representing our members and supporters from across the state.

I'm here to urge you to support **Senate Bill 214** – a bill that does something that should've happened years ago:

It removes suppressors from Ohio's list of so-called "dangerous ordnance."

Let's get one thing straight: suppressors aren't dangerous.

They're safety tools.

They protect hearing.

They reduce noise for neighbors.

They make training more accessible – especially for women, seniors, and new shooters.

And no – they don't make guns "silent." That's a Hollywood fantasy. Suppressed firearms are still louder than a jackhammer. You're not sneaking up on anyone with one.

This bill is about liberty, safety, and common sense.

And frankly, it's **embarrassing** that the **U.S. Senate** – yes, the **U.S. Senate** – is now trying to go **further** than we are here in Ohio.

Their version of the "Big Beautiful Bill" removes **suppressors, short-barreled rifles, AND short-barreled shotguns** from the National Firearms Act (NFA).

So, we've been in contact with Senator Koehler's office – and we've encouraged them to **add short-barreled rifles and shotguns to SB214**.

Because if Congress is moving to restore gun rights – **Ohio shouldn't be dragging its feet**.

We strongly support SB214 and urge this committee to pass it – and to strengthen it before it hits the floor.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rob Knisley
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