

Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Public Safety Committee
Proponent Testimony SB 273
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To Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Weinstein and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ken Krummrich and I live in West Chester near Cincinnati. I am retired corporate executive. I currently volunteer as a mentor for small businesses and entrepreneurs. I am very active in my Methodist Church in Middletown, Oh.

I am a registered Republican and I strongly support common sense gun safety measures. I support SB 273 because I believe it will decrease veteran suicides. It will also help protect family and community members who are often traumatized and sometimes injured or killed when veterans commit suicide/homicide. This bill is something Republicans and Democrats can agree on! There is bipartisan support by voters to reduce veteran suicide!

As a businessman, I am aware of the costs of gun violence in our country. Increased gun deaths are associated with fewer jobs, lost businesses and lower home values in local economies and communities across the nation. (1)

In 2022, my wife's brother, Chief Warrant Officer 2nd Class, Karl Phares, committed suicide, leaving behind a widow who has struggled financially since his death. I believe his life could have been saved if the means of death was not so readily available to him. This bill would make it easier for federally licensed gun shops to store a veteran's gun in times of crisis. It would more clearly define legal guidelines for doing so and protect gun shops from unfair liability, all without impinging on 2nd amendment rights. I thank Senator Koehler for introducing SB273 and urge the committee to pass it.

Respectfully,

Ken Krummrich

1. *Source: A State-by-State Examination of the Economic Costs of Gun Violence. U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee Democratic Staff. September 18, 2019

