



**STATEMENT OF DAVID WEBER,
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Chairman Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and Members of the
Committee:

My name is Sean Maloney, and I am here today testifying on behalf of the National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action; representing millions of Ohio's gunowners and members of the National Rifle Association of America.

The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action supports House Bill 248, a bill that presents a simple and straightforward solution to correct Ohio and conflicting Federal laws definitions and procedures related to the antique firearm conundrum.

There is no distinction in Ohio law between "firearm" and "antique firearm." Currently, as the law is written, when a firearms dealer wishes to sell an antique firearm, he is required to use the federal background check system to run a background check, the same as the dealer would for any firearm transfer.

However, federal law does distinguish between "firearm" and "antique firearm" and specifically prohibits the use of the federal background check system for anything other than a "firearm" as defined by federal law.

Consequently, when an Ohio firearms dealer wishes to sell an antique firearm, he is both required under Ohio Law and prohibited under Federal Law from conducting a background check.

That folks are a conundrum.

House Bill 248 will solve this quandary by simply matching Ohio and federal law. Ohio will adopt the federal definition of “antique firearm” allowing Ohio law to work in the same way as federal law. Firearms dealers will be required to conduct a background check on firearms, but will not be required to conduct a background check on antique firearms, resulting in Ohio Firearms Dealer no longer being forced to choose between breaking Ohio Law, or breaking Federal Law. 20 other states that have the same or similar definitions following the federal definition of “antique firearm.” By passing House Bill 248, Ohio will simply be joining these states in abiding by federal guidelines on antique firearms.

Very truly yours,

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