

Federalism Committee Members –

I am a concerned citizen of the state of Ohio writing to you regarding the revised HB 248.

It is my understanding that this week you will be considering revisions to HB 248 which would expand the initial intent of the bill which was to exempt antique firearms from some current gun regulations. The expansion of the bill would include a number of dangerous and distasteful measures that have failed to move forward as individual bills including:

- allowing more people to carry a deadly weapon in school safety zones,
- eliminating all training requirements for people to carry deadly weapons in Ohio's schools,
- restricting colleges and universities from restricting concealed carry among students,
- lowering the concealed carry age to 18,
- and lowering the standard for "stand your ground" for business owners to the level of making it legal to use deadly force if someone in their business makes them nervous.

Many of you on the committee purport to be strong "pro-life" advocates and also supporters of "law and order". If that were true, you would:

- Take reasonable steps to both support the 2nd amendment while ensuring the safety of all Ohioans - gun owners and non-gun owners alike.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and administrators in our schools, colleges, and universities.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure that when law enforcement officers respond to a call for help, they do not have to wonder how many of the people they encounter might be carrying a concealed weapon.
- Take reasonable steps to ensure that gun owners who use their weapons in a deadly manner do so only in instances that are truly a matter of life or death.

Instead, you are proposing a number of changes to the law that would result in increased gun ownership with a "green light" to carry guns whenever and wherever the owner chooses and to use those guns at the mere impression of a threat. Pro-life? I think not. Law and order? I think not.

I am confounded by our representatives' apparent belief that more guns in the hands of more people with less training and less up-front screening will result in a safer Ohio. It makes no sense. I strongly urge you to **not** move this bill through the Committee and to vote "no" if the bill comes up for a vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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