

Dear Distinguished Senators

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to present my concerns in regards to H.B. 253 at the last committee session.

I apologize but due to my present situation I am unable to join you this Tuesday. I pray that you would seriously consider my statements.

It is imperative that we do not pass H.B. 253 and that we continue to work towards limiting and reducing Firework usage in Ohio. We are already sending the wrong message to thousands of Ohioans that it's 'okay' to destroy property, cause physical and mental harm and continue to put our lives at risk!

I've had much clarification and education this past year explaining to everyone that the law has not been passed to allow fireworks to be used in Ohio. Individuals do not read past headlines and and thanks to the mainstream media will believe it is perfectly legal to shoot off fireworks anytime of the year, even with the recent amendments in place for this bill.

As civilized human beings we should not conduct ourselves in ways that are self destructive. If we put this much effort in protecting the public from Covid, we should do the same concerning Fireworks? We should be encouraging good behavior on July 4th. We should not tolerate this illegal activity?

Everyone in this world deserves the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as long as your actions don't take that away from someone else. Individuals choosing to set off Fireworks erode the peace and livelihoods of others in their neighborhoods. They put others at risk, mentally, physically and financially.

This Bill, if passed, will put my family in danger. I beg you to please not pass it.

Please consider the following...

- The lives of those hurt indirectly by explosions set to property.
- The damage to wildlife and nature.
- The extended stress to our already maxed out police and fire-department.
- The mental anguish caused to those with physical ailments
- The possible death of pets and love ones during these incidents.

The opponents indicating this will provide Fireworks safety are be deceiving. Fireworks are barely safe and should not be used in careless, frivolous fun. Please vote down this bill and work with your constituents to provide better protection to those of us this great State we call Ohio.

I thank you again for your time and consideration and wish you safe health!

Sincerely,
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