

To the members of the House State and Local Government Committee:

In regards to HB62 (SAPA), I am writing on behalf of Greene County Citizens for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendments. First, we would like to thank Representative Mike Loychik and all of the co-sponsors of this bill that will certainly ensure the safety of law-abiding citizens in Ohio. In times like these it is imperative to protect lawful gun owners from the Federal government's unconstitutional gun control measures. Not only are these measure infringements on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, they also threatened the safety of the citizens of this country. The Biden administration and Congressional leaders have incited violent rioting and a border crisis which puts the public's safety at risk. These "leaders" are also campaigning against law enforcement, wanting them defunded and encouraging hate on police officers who put their lives on the line every day to protect and serve. Law abiding citizens should have unrestricted abilities to protect themselves and their loved ones as granted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. SAPA will provide us with protection from the Federal government who is quick to place us in harm's way and put innocent lives at risk.

This is more than just a 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights issue, this is a women's rights issue as well. Physically, women are weaker than men. This is plain and simple biology. When it comes to physical strength, women are unequal and the odds to overpower a man trying to harm a woman are not in her favor. Legal gun ownership and gun use evens those odds. For the Federal government to restrict a woman's ability to obtain and own a firearm while placing her in danger is discrimination. It tells women that they are subservient and places them in a lower class. SAPA will protect women and make them equal.

We respectfully ask that you pass this bill through to support and protect the constitutional rights of Ohio gun owners and to keep Ohioans safe from the reckless acts and behavior of our Federal government.

Sincerely,

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