

April 20, 2021

Attention Members of the House State and Local Government Committee

In regard to Support for HB62, The Second Amendment Preservation Act (SAPA)

My name is Roger L Offenberger, Jr. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. I feel strongly that it is my patriotic duty to share my testimony in favor of HB62, the Second Amendment Preservation Act.

I grew up in a time when we said the Pledge of Allegiance every morning in school. Over my 55 years, I have come to know and love the Constitution of the United States of America, including the 2nd Amendment. And I quote, "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

The democrats and the governor are trying to take our rights away from us. Our founding fathers added the 2nd Amendment to the constitution for the very reason of protecting we the people! History is repeating itself, like back in 1776, when the British took away the people's firearms and raised their taxes. It's not fair what the government is doing to us. If they are that afraid of us, then they shouldn't be trying to tear down the constitution. (see footnote)

Since they are trying to disarm the American people, then they need to take down their gates, their walls, and give up their arms. Remind them of this! The military and police officers took an oath, both foreign and domestic. Shouldn't the rest of the government officials do the same?

I am a law-abiding citizen. I have never committed a crime, have no felonies, and yet, I am being punished. I want to be able to protect my family. I want my grandkids and their grandkids to be able to have the same rights as I have.

I love my country, yet I fear my government. It's starting to turn into a nightmare of communism. That's NOT America. We're suppose to be living in the land of the free, not be ruled by dictators. Look what Hitler did to their people.

Please make Ohio a sanctuary state and open carry.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Signed, An American Patriot
Roger L Offenberger, Jr

Footnote

The **British** government wanted to seize the lawfully owned **firearms** of the colonists. If **British** troops could disarm the militia, there would be less of a threat to their control. This is one of the reasons the Second Amendment was added to the Constitution. Apr 18, 2015
British intended to seize colonists' guns - The Morning Call