

Opposition Testimony on House Bill 62
State and Local Government Committee

Submitted by:
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To Chairman Wiggam and Committee,

I am a lifelong resident of the rural town of Clinton Ohio, a corporate executive and a gun owner. I have raised three daughters here, all of whom now work in North East Ohio schools. I am strongly opposed to HB 62.

I am a senior citizen and I own a rifle. My 2nd amendment rights are adequately protected by current Ohio, and federal laws. I can buy and sell guns as I need to through licensed federal dealers who I know will carry out federal background checks. In fact, I would be highly distressed to think that a gun I sold ended up in the hands of a criminal! I strongly support law and order. This bill would cause a lot of confusion as to who was prohibited from buying a gun. It would make it almost impossible for law enforcement to keep guns out of the hands of criminals. In fact, under this bill, if police did try to take a gun away from a prohibited person, the officer could be sued or fired.

Because of the confusion about the law that HB 62 would cause, and due to its unconstitutionality, there would be an avalanche of lawsuits related to this bill, should it pass. I do not want my tax dollars being eaten up to defend such suits. The Supreme Court has already ruled, numerous times, that states cannot opt-out of federal laws. Suits against HB 62 would be unwinnable.

Respectfully submitted,
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