

Testimony on House Bill 62  
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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 62.

I am a concerned Ohioan, mother and community volunteer in OH86. I am writing this testimony today because I am disgusted that our legislature is trying to pass another gun bill that puts Ohioans in danger. What actual problem does this solve for Ohioans? This sounds like another attempt to soothe the fears of a few supporters and lobbyists.

HB62 is on its face unconstitutional because it is a preemptive attempt to block federal gun legislature. Challenges to nullify laws have been rejected by the U.S. Supreme Court under the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

There are no threats to gun owners in Ohio and contrary to that, the majority of Ohioans support closing our background check loopholes. Ohio is ranked 2nd in the nation for extremism and with our country continuing to face the threat of armed extremism, this will only fuel the anti-government extremism. The only goal I see here is to move us to #1 extremism state.

This legislation is vague and presents serious threats to public safety. It would penalize law enforcement for enforcing Federal public safety laws and expose them to lawsuits for doing their jobs. It would also block them from accessing Federal resources. For politicians who say they 'back the blue' this would actually put them in jeopardy.

This law would create confusion and encourage criminal activity by undermining the rule of law. That would put all of us in jeopardy.

This legislation is about unfounded fears of Ohioans who put guns ahead of reason and it doesn't represent the majority of us. Why don't you focus instead on current issues facing us?

I ask you to consider my testimony and the others like me and vote No on advancing this extremist bill.