

House Local And State Government Committee

Opposition Testimony on HB 62

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Chairman Wiggam and members of the committee,

Dear Chairman Wiggam, I am writing to you in reference to HB62, The Ohio Safe Haven Act. I wish to go on record in opposition of this bill. It seems that current state legislatures across this nation are jumping on this dangerous and ill advised gun legislation. I wonder if this bill is actually in the best interest of the citizens of the state of Ohio or is just an attempt to play to a certain base of voters. For a party that says it supports the Blue, nothing in this type of legislation protects the citizens of Ohio or supports our police forces. The bill itself is unconstitutional and will require the use of taxpayer dollars to defend it. In previous cases where states have tried to undermine Federal law, the states have lost. This bill will be no different. Certainly there is better use of your committee's time and better uses for taxpayer money. Make no mistake, this bill will be challenged. State laws have been overruled by the SCOTUS as Federal laws take precedence. This bill is dangerous and will jeopardize public safety. With all the current problems with gun safety that threaten the lives and well being of Ohio's citizens this is just another example of the legislature's disregard for the people of Ohio. The language is vague and does not easily translate into a working bill for most people. This bill is an attempt to thwart Federal gun laws and ignores common sense gun laws. As the use of guns leads to more crimes and deaths, one would think the people we have elected to protect us would be more in tune with the wants and needs of the people. HB62 will only create confusion and encourage criminal activity.

I have been a nurse since 1974 and Advanced Practice Nurse for the last 30 years. If you worked in emergency departments and operating rooms like I have, perhaps your stance on common sense gun safety legislation would be different.

Respectfully submitted,

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