

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB62

Specific Issue: Safe Haven Law

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes No

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How much time will your testimony require? 2 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position: Federal law supercedes any state law in conflict, as stated in the US Constitution. Ohio should not create a nullification of that constiutional premise by writing laws allowing the state to nullify any current or future federal gun legislation. This legislation would also prevent any Ohio law enforcement officers from enforcing violations of federal firearm laws. Imagine someone undiagnosed but mentally ill stockpiling weapons, no background check, and member of some organization being able to go about his activity shielded by this law.

The US Supreme Court has ruled that the right to bear arms is not not without restriction. Citizens are not allowed to arm themselves with nuclear weapons or weapons of mass destruction. There must be a limit placed on this right for the purpose of public safety and protection of the state. Ohio has a history of being home to many white nationalist organizations and criminal gangs from

other states. Law enforcement needs to be able to enforce firearm laws when violated by these groups. Firearms are not a necessary part of protected free speech or the right of assembly. Ohio should not become an attractive residence or safe haven for criminals and neo-Nazi organizations. Ohio law enforcement would not be able to call on the ATF or FBI as resources in their investigation of crimes or be part of interstate taskforces.

There are enough suicides, accidental shootings, homicides and mass murders as it stands. Weakening the standards for gun ownership is definitely a step in the wrong direction. When the Constitution was written the arms of the day were muskets that needed to be reloaded after each shot, not high powered rifles capable of severing body parts with one bullet and capable of firing hundreds within minutes.

Please do not pass this legislation. It is a dangerous and ill-conceived proposal.

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