

Testimony to Ohio House Legislature

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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee,

The great state of Ohio has shown its Independence by their electoral choice of President Trump for a second term. Certainly it should come as no surprise to those who are students of History that Ohio would further buttress its Freedom colors in becoming a Firearms Sanctuary state.

To those that claim our Gun Rights come from an archaic Second Amendment... let them be educated. Starting with the Biblical foundation of our Western culture, there are numerous cases of "Weapons Control" events when people prevented their own slaughter by secretly being armed... the story of (Old Testament) Nehemiah (4:13-16) being a good illustration.

The Historical Records of our Second Amendment Actually began in the year 880 A.D., over 1,200 years ago. The English King Alfred the great penned the first law (assize) stating that it was the DUTY... of all able-bodied men to be armed, give their seven year old sons toy arms, and at 17 graduate them to adult arms with a gift of a man's bow and two arrows.

Even 400 years later after the invention of firearms, and after kings noticed there was much less wild game available for their hunting parties in violation of Medieval Forest Game Laws, and even after the confiscation of all hunting contraptions... ropes, snares, Greyhounds, and traps... those convicted were STILL not deprived of their long guns. Firearms were seen as being absolutely essential for defense of their household, their village, and their country whenever called upon.

After centuries of the different English kings disarming their antagonists and then the next king re-arming them, Parliament recognized the need for certain continuities of government for the protection of all citizens. King James II, resisting the ceding any of his Divine Authority to Parliament, finally decided he wished to keep his head attached to his body, unlike his great uncle Charles I, and fled London for Holland.

On February 12, 1689 Parliament presented the "Bill of Rights of Englishmen," which included the "Right to Keep and Bear Arms," to the newly chosen William & Mary, who agreeably signed it, and were then installed the next day as King and Queen of England.

Such was the Turbulent History arduously studied by our Founding Fathers. Their very thoughtful labors would ultimately be presented to the world as a Foundational model and centerpiece of Freedom. This we are proud to proclaim as our Second Amendment of Constitutional, Enumerated, and Individual Rights... which all dictators abhor.

The Congressional Bill, HR-127, which is now being negotiated, has nothing to do with subduing criminals but instead is the final Noose of Infringement on the Gun Rights of all law-abiding Americans. It is indeed, every Authoritarian's dream.

So it is fitting that Freedom Loving Citizens should declare Ohio as a Second Amendment Sanctuary State. All those in opposition are either the sheep of the citizenry or the wolves of dictators, with our Second Amendment Right and force being the Sheep Dog that keeps them apart !! They should pray

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that they never be one of the many victims of the evil gangs, cartels, goats, criminals, terrorists, and human-traffickers that invade our world.

This Firearms Sanctuary status certainly reinforces that Magnificent 2008 Justice Scalia Supreme Court decision and brings it's Constitutional, Enumerated, Individualism closer home to "We the people" of OHIO.

~ Dick Heller~

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