



## A1§4 Protection PAC

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RE: Support for Senate Bill 293

Good afternoon, Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, ranking member Thomas and members of the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee. I testify in support of Senate Bill 293.

Too often legislation is introduced and debated for years after a problem has been damaging the good people of Ohio. SB 293 is the opposite. SB 293 is a proactive bill that does not just fix a problem; it prevents a problem from developing. Curing cancer is great. But preventing people from ever getting cancer is the real dream. Passing SB 293 will stop the cancer before it starts in our state.

The anti-gun movement loves to try ideas in California, which has been friendly to their radical ideology. This allows them to try ideas that would never pass muster in most of the country. Once enacted in California, the idea is pushed in other states. This has been a pattern for decades.

San Jose, California has already passed legislation that requires residents to purchase insurance and pay the city to exercise their Second Amendment rights. That is as wrong as making people pay the government to have the right to a trial by a jury of their peers, or the right to practice their chosen religion, or even the right to not be subjected to cruel and unusual punishment. It should be easy for everyone to agree that is wrong.

Ohio is not California. We don't want their failed ideas. But there are cities in Ohio that will copy anti-American prejudice. SB 293 would prohibit such dangerous and punitive codes in the State of Ohio. That is why SB 293 is appropriate and needed legislation.

I thank Senators Gavarone and Johnson for introducing this important legislation and I urge your support for this important bill.

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