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Dear House Federalism and Interstate Relations Committee,

I writing my testimony in reference to HB 142, I'm asking that you give it your full support.

I have had one sided deafness for most of my life. Last August I suddenly lost most of the hearing in my good ear. I now have a profound hearing loss in both ears. I dread the day when I have to interact with law enforcement. Not only is it going to be difficult to communicate basic information with the officer because of my deafness. But I will also have to worry about immediately conveying to them that I have a CHL and a firearm.

Removing the "need to inform" would clear me of any possible penalty for a misunderstanding by either party in the exchange of information during a law enforcement stop.

"Ohio's police officers, including the Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio and the Buckeye State Sheriffs' Association, say eliminating the self-disclosure requirement is a bad idea that puts officers at risk."

The law as it currently stands puts those like myself at "risk"! Just Google "deaf and police", you will see the hurdles and possibilities that I already face just being a deaf citizen. Add a CHL, a firearm and the need to inform to the equation and you see my dilemma.

If in the moment there is confusion from either party things could turn bad for Me. So please support HB 142

Sincerely,

Scott Albaugh
