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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 3, 2018
TO: Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee
FROM: John Commerford, Deputy Managing Director
RE: Substitute House Bill 142

On behalf of the National Rifle Association of America and our members in Ohio, I would like to express our support for Substitute House Bill 142. Sponsored by state Representatives Scott Wiggam and Glenn Holmes, Sub. HB 142 would make important reforms to the current “duty to promptly inform” and provide clarity to both law enforcement and law abiding concealed carry permit holders.

The National Rifle Association supports complete removal of the duty to inform which was contained in the original version of HB 142. However, the substitute language before you today is a step in the right direction and fixes the severity discrepancy that exists in Ohio law. Currently, Ohio has the strictest penalty in the nation for failure to notify a law enforcement officer that an individual is carrying a concealed firearm.

There are approximately 17 million concealed carry permit holders in the United States. While requirements for concealed carry vary by state, only ten require a duty to inform when approached by a law enforcement officer. Two other states have this requirement, but only for those who choose to exercise the freedom of carrying a firearm without a permit.

I respectfully ask that you support this important reform. Please feel free to contact me at 703-267-1384 if you have additional questions or concerns.