

To: Ohio House Committee on Government Oversight

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First, I would like to thank you for the great work you have done so far as members of this committee.

The primary reason for my letter is to ask for your vote in protecting the integrity of Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination Act that is coming up on the State agenda in a few days. There are many views on how to move in just about any direction when speaking to industries that have religious / philosophical / political baggage attached. And I am not going to get into those weeds in this letter. What I am asking is for you to stand up and support fair business legislation that treats legitimate and legally operating entities like mine to not be discriminated against because the product/s & services we offer.

If lenders, insurers among other industries are allowed to pick and choose based on political agendas or perceived negative public opinion, this equates to discrimination of legal businesses. Where would it stop? If this is allowed, it would be possible for entire industries to be controlled, shut down or manipulated.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania stood up to this years ago when a couple of large national insurance companies decided they would greatly limit what types of insurances they offered across the entire state, they were told NO. They were to provide access the same types of insurance products the company offered in other states as a whole or not provide any within the state of PA.

Because we are in the shooting sports industry should not be a reason that our businesses be more limited in access to goods/services/protections than any other business in the State. If you and others in the House do not stand up for legally / ethically managed firearms related businesses, we'll be left with even more players in the Grey Market filling the void created when our doors get shuttered. As of today, I am greatly limited to what electronic payment service providers I can use as most will not allow firearms or shooting sports related businesses as a whole. Being that over 90% of sales are payed through Credit/Debit card transactions, the narrowing of that competition has a profound impact on how we can operate our businesses unlike most others not in the national debate limelight. We lack the ability to withstand much more of these artificial market conditions that are completely political in nature.

In closing, I ask on behalf of my family and other firearms related business owners to help us have at least the same rights/abilities to operate as any other in the state, asking for nothing more and nothing less.

Best regards,

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