Opposition Testimony on House Bill 62 State and Local Government Committee Submitted by: Penny Hubbard

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify.

I am opposed to HB 62. I live in Clinton, Ohio, a quiet rural town. My husband and I have raised 3 daughters here who are all educational professionals in N.E. Ohio.

I do not believe that states have the right to ignore federal laws. States have many other rights but the US Constitution makes it clear that states cannot pass laws that conflict with federal laws. The founding fathers were able to create one of the greatest governments on earth because they found ways to give states power for certain functions and yet still bind us all together with certain federal powers. If you want to change the Constitution, go ahead and take that task on. But don't make MY state, which MY FAMILY has worked hard for generations to build, into a succession state. Follow the Constitution, respect the rights of ALL Ohioans and defeat HB 62.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Hubbard Clinton, OH