

Government Oversight Committee

Opposition Testimony on HB 51

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Chairman Peterson, Ranking Member Forhan, and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 51.

I am a lifelong Republican and retired Executive with Timken Corp. I strongly oppose HB 51. A foundational reason for the success of our nation is our Constitution and its laws. Ever since the Civil War, it has been legally and traditionally upheld that federal law supersedes state law. That's what makes us a nation, not just a collection of loosely associated states. I recognize the 2nd Amendment but I expect my state to also recognize MY family's constitutional rights to be protected by common sense federal gun laws. I object to my Ohio legislature trying to destroy our system of laws in order to appease the gun lobby.

Not only will this bill result in more gun deaths in Ohio, it will be bad for Ohio's economy. Businesses thrive in a stable environment. This bill allots costly penalties on our police as well as on our political subdivisions for enforcing federal law. It is likely to sow uncertainty among our law enforcement officers and make it harder to recruit officers. It sends a message that Ohio is not a place where federal laws will be upheld. It is also, in my opinion, likely to fuel the anti-governemnt sentiment of the far right. This may even encourage anti-government violence by extremist groups. None of this is a good look for a state trying to attract new companies.

This is not what conservative, moderate Ohio has traditionally looked like. It was always a good place to live, work and raise a family. Now you are changing our our state for the worse.

I urge you to reject HB 51.

Respectfully,

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