



Ohio Gun Owners

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Memorandum of OPPOSITION

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TO: Members of the Ohio General Assembly

FROM: Chris Dorr, Director, Ohio Gun Owners

RE: **OPPOSITION** to DeWine's gun control in HB110

On behalf of our members and supporters, I'd like to take this opportunity to share our concerns regarding gun control in HB 110 with you.

We are completely opposed to having a discussion on DeWine's gun control agenda in the format of a hostage situation buried in the state budget.

As you know, Governor DeWine attempted to pass his radical gun control agenda during the last General Assembly with SB 221, which did not get enough support to pass on its own.

It is unconscionable for Governor DeWine to try holding the state budget process hostage so he can attempt to advance the agenda that he lacks the ability to do so otherwise.

Under section 2935.01, the Ohio warrant system is being expanded to create de-facto federal firearm prohibitors and represents a seismic shift in the law from disability via adjudication to disability via declaration.

Ohio's current firearms disability law, 2923.13, specifies that warrants are not grounds for disability to "knowingly acquire, have, carry, or use any firearm."

We are totally opposed to this proposed change in Ohio law because it flips the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments on their head by no longer recognizing the American doctrine of innocent until proven guilty.

By doing so, it paves the way for a massive expansion of declaratory, rather than adjudicatory, gun-control in the future.

No one should lose their rights based on "probable cause" alone without the conviction of a crime by a jury, especially considering that the basis for probable cause in court is sometimes based on biased, rebuttable "evidence" in *ex parte* hearings.

For these reasons, we demand that the General Assembly remove section 2935.01 of HB 110 from the budget entirely.

By including these gun-control expansions in the state operating budget rather than through the appropriate channel of a standalone bill, DeWine is using you, the members of the Ohio General Assembly, as political cover to pass his gun control agenda in the calculated hope of avoiding the slings and arrows he would face in the 2022 Republican Primary.

Thus, anyone who votes to aid, abet, advance, pass, or otherwise supports this legislation with this section intact will be making an anti-gun vote, and constituents in your districts will be educated on your actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Feel free to contact me personally or our Political Director, Rob Knisley, with any questions you may have.

For Ohio,



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