



A1§4 Protection PAC

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RE: Support for S.B. 148

Good afternoon Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Wilson, Ranking member Craig, and members of the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee. I testify in support of S.B. 148.

For years, anti-freedom zealots have railed against the Constitutionally protected rights of the people to keep and bear arms. Failing in the hearts and minds of the people, legislative bodies, and most courts, they have turned to financial bullying.

There has been an attempt to ruin businesses that deal in firearms and self-protection. This is done by denying them the ability to do business with credit cards.

S.B. 148 seeks to protect the rights of the consumer, businesses, and financial institutions by ensuring that government cannot be required to collect lists or create databases of gun owners. It would also prohibit the use of codes/identifiers that are used to treat firearms stores differently than other merchandise businesses.

In the wake of NYSRPA vs Bruen, those that seek to deny Americans our rights have become desperate find new ways to block people from exercising our rights. Financial interference is a powerful tool that has been abused. Ohio should protect our people and businesses from such harassment, and S.B. 148 will accomplish that goal.

I support S.B. 148 and urge its passing.

Regards,

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