

December 20, 2023

Representative Gail Pavliga 77 South High Street, Floor 11 Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Pavliga,

I write to inform you of my support for HB 51, the Second Amendment Preservation Act, sponsored by Representative Mike Loychik and Representative Jean Schmidt, and urge you to vote for this important legislation.

Despite the progress made in Ohio protecting our constitutionally protected Second Amendment rights, the Biden Administration's unrelenting advocacy for gun control is a persistent problem. I believe HB 51 provides much needed legislative protection for rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment in the Bill of Rights.

The prohibition in this legislation on local and state authorities from enforcing federal gun laws is particularly vital to the protection of hard-won gun rights in Ohio. Here is the language from HB 51:

"(B) No public office, public officer, or employee of the state or a political subdivision shall enforce, attempt to enforce, or participate in any way in the enforcement of any federal acts, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances regarding firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition. (C) No public office, public officer, or employee of the state or a political subdivision shall accede to a request from another to give material aid or support to the efforts of the other in the enforcement of or implementation of any federal acts, laws, executive orders, rules, regulations, or ordinances regarding firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition."

I am an unequivocal supporter of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. That's why I strongly support HB 51. I know the vast majority of the people of Portage County also strongly support the Second Amendment and would vote for HB 51 enthusiastically if they were sitting in the seat you currently occupy in the Ohio House of Representatives.

The people of Portage County deserve a representative who will defend and protect their Second Amendment rights. I urge you to support HB 51, the Second Amendment Preservation Act.

Sincerely,

Heidi Workman