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H. R. No. 12

Representative Grendell

**Cosponsors: Representatives Cross, Richardson, Vitale, Pavliga, Fowler Arthur,
Riedel**

A R E S O L U T I O N

To declare that Ohio is a Second Amendment
Protective State. 1
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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The Bill of Rights of the Ohio Constitution, 3
Article I, Section 4, proclaims, "The people have the right to 4
bear arms for their defense and security"; and 5

WHEREAS, The Second Amendment to the United States 6
Constitution states, "a well-regulated militia, being necessary 7
to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep 8
and bear arms, shall not be infringed"; and 9

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States, in 10
District of Columbia v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 (2008), affirmed 11
that the Second Amendment right to keep and bear arms is not 12
connected to service of the militia; and 13

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States, in *United* 14
States v. Miller, 307 U.S. 174 (1939), stated firearms that are 15
part of ordinary military use (weapons of common use) that can 16
contribute to the common defense are protected by the Second 17
Amendment; and 18

WHEREAS, There are an estimated nineteen million Americans 19
who lawfully carry concealed firearms, and an estimated three 20
hundred ninety-three million civilian-owned firearms in the 21
United States; and 22

WHEREAS, Abridging the rights of lawful gun owners does not 23
reduce the criminal use of firearms by violent offenders; and 24

WHEREAS, Violations of existing laws, statutes, and 25
regulations are already criminal offenses, many being felonies; 26
and 27

WHEREAS, Gun control laws are not evidence based; now 28
therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 134th General Assembly of the State of 31
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, declare Ohio to be a Second 32
Amendment Protective State; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit a duly authenticated copy of this resolution to the 35
news media of Ohio. 36