

COLUMBIANA COUNTY

Board of County Commissioners

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To the Citizens of Columbiana County,

You wrote us expressing concern about activities in the State of Ohio concerning state leaders' consideration of policies that have created great controversy over compliance with rights to bear firearms that are spelled out in our state and federal constitutions. We are writing in response to your inquiry and our recent discussion with Scott Cahill.

As duly elected members of the Columbiana County Board of Commissioners, prior to commencing our terms, each of us complied with the constitutional requirement that we give our oath that we will support and defend all provisions of the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Ohio, as well as laws of the State of Ohio. Therefore, this Board of Commissioners opposes actions, by legislation or otherwise, that violate the rights of our citizens provided to them under our Ohio or under the United States Constitution, including its Bill of Rights. This clearly involves our upholding and defending the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article One, Section 4 of Ohio's State Constitution.

We trust that this assurance will serve to reassure any concerns you may have about our position on these constitutional matters at the state level and here locally.

Sincerely,

Columbiana County Board of Commissioners

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