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Monday, March 7, 2022

The Honorable Mike DeWine, Governor  
State of Ohio  
77 S. High St. 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

I am writing to urge you to veto Senate Bill 215—the permit-less carry legislation recently passed by the Ohio General Assembly. SB 215 is an unnecessary and radical expansion of individual gun rights at the drastic expense of public safety, especially for our law enforcement community.

The vast majority of Ohioans believe that a permit should be required if you intend to carry a concealed firearm in public. This has been the law of our state for several years and, during this period, Ohioans have successfully exercised their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights while securing at least a basic understanding of firearm safety. Even with these safeguards in place, Ohio easily ranks in the top 10 in annual gun deaths in the United States. Requiring safety training and a permit is not an “infringement” on anyone’s Constitutional rights, it merely ensures that people carrying dangerous weapons have at least a basic understanding of how firearms function before carrying them in public. By almost every measure, deviating from basic safety protocols is a poor public policy decision and likely to lead to more violent crime and firearms deaths.

I am most troubled by the impact that this legislation will have on our law enforcement community. This legislation provides cover to criminals who wish to conceal firearms before committing a crime and makes every officer’s traffic stop a far more dangerous interaction than what would otherwise be the case. If we truly respect human life and our law enforcement community, I urge you to veto Senate Bill 215. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffrey A. Crossman".

State Representative Jeffrey A. Crossman

CC: Rep. Allison Russo, Ohio House Minority Leader

