



The Honorable Thomas E. Niehaus
President, Ohio Senate
Statehouse
1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH. 43215
VIA Electronic Mail

May 12th, 2011

Honorable Senator Niehaus,

On behalf of Ohioans for Concealed Carry and Ohio's law abiding gun owners, I am writing to respectfully request that you announce a fast-track schedule for HB45 and HB54 so that both bills can proceed to the Senate floor as quickly as rules permit. I offer two reasons for our request:

1. As you know, the Senate in April passed legislation that mirrors HB45 and HB54 (SB17 and SB61). Over the past two sessions, and after many months of debate, the legislature's majority position on this matter has been made exceedingly clear. We hope that there is no reason for members of the Senate to spend countless *additional* hours expressing the same positions on both sides of the debate, simply to come to the same majority conclusion that they already achieved in April.
2. Opponents of this legislation — with the assistance of news media trolling for ratings and sales — have morphed the "restaurant carry" debate into a campaign of fear. Print and broadcast media have been a fountainhead of intentional and often egregious misinformation about HB45. Unfortunately, the longer the propaganda persists, *the greater the challenge to pro-HB45 lawmakers* (a strong majority in both chambers) in educating their constituents and ridding themselves of the media-induced stigma surrounding HB45.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for a fast-track schedule so that a floor vote will occur comfortably in advance of summer recess. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jeff Garvas, President
Ohioans For Concealed Carry

Cc: Senator Schaffer, Senator Wilson, Senator Grendell (via electronic email)
Representative Bupp, Representative Johnson, Representative Maag, Representative Martin (via facsimile)