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Re: Klein et al v. Leis, et al, Case No. A004340, C20012

Dear David:

I am writing to you for the purpose of requesting that you prepare a Resolution for the Board of County Commissioners that would direct our attorney, the Office of Hamilton County Prosecutor Michael K. Allen, to withdraw the pleadings filed in the above referenced matter that call for an appeal from and a stay of the Opinion and Order of the First District Court of Appeals dated April 10, 2002 and authored by Appellate Judge Mark Painter. (attached)

This morning I had the opportunity to listen to an interview Prosecutor Allen gave on the matter. He had the strong personal opinion that Ohio's current statute regarding the right of citizens to carry arms is a bad law but offered that he represents the county and accordingly he had to appeal. The county is a party to this case through your having been so named. At no time have your superiors, the Board of County Commissioners, been consulted by our attorney (the Prosecutor) on the wisdom of pursuing this appeal.

The question of what circumstances or restrictions comply with the Second Amendment relative to the right to carry arms in Ohio is a legislative one, but one that must be addressed in accord with both the Ohio and United States Constitutions. Judge Painter, one of the most published and respected

