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Dear officials,

I cannot easily travel to Columbus because I have to work, however I feel very strongly about this issue.

I am a woman that live alone. I have a neighbor that constantly bothers me whenever we are both outside. Will he ever cross that line? Well, He reached over my fence and tried to hit my shepherd two years ago. I've called the county sheriff for several years, and NOTHING, has ever been done. What is a woman to do?

I get drug addicts knocking on my door when the weather is warm.

I only have one way to protect myself because I am petite. I cannot stop a 200 lb man or men that may try to rob or rape me. My only defense is a gun and my dogs.

I learned how to shoot from my father, as most people in Ohio have. I have always been around firearms. Have I ever used one on a person? NO! I am smart enough to know how to NOT BREAK THE LAW.

When I was 21 with a baby and moved to Zanesville to reside as I worked, a man in a vehicle was waiting for me to come home from work one night. I saw his shadow in his car as I passed. Before I got out of my car, I saw him get out of his car and walk toward my car. I quickly turned the car back on and started to drive away. He chased me in his car throughout town, so I drove to my parents' farm. Luckily, we were okay. I had no weapons with me. This alone could have ended my life and my baby's.

I've been followed before. I've had men try to get me to pull off of a Rt. 70 exit before. It is not easy being a woman.

The thing is that most citizens have grown up with firearms. Many provide food for their families with them. There is no reason NOT to have a Stand Your Ground law.

We are law abiding people. Our country is getting full of illegal immigrants that won't easily get caught for home invasions and they know that. The 2nd Amendment is there for a reason. We are the Good Guys!

The Anthony Pardon case is Columbus recently was about a convicted felon that got out then within 6 months killed, raped and tortured a 24 year old girl. If she had a firearm in her home or purse, it could be that she would still be alive. This sickens me. When are the lawmakers going to protect the woman and children????

Stop making firearms a bad name! Help us protect ourselves!! PLEASE!!!!

Please submit this as written testimony. You may call or contact me anytime. I am available to speak at future times.

Thank you for your consideration,

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