

My name is Gene Moore, the son of a teacher, I was raised in Doylestown, where I graduated 7th in my class, received my B.S. from Ohio University graduating **Summa Cum Laude** in the **top 3%** of my class, and completed my **Masters** on a **National Science Foundation** grant at Truman State University. After 39 years teaching Biology and Honor's Biology at Olmsted Falls High School, a **nationally recognized school of excellence**, I retired in 2008 and worked until 2015 selling firearms for a national sporting goods chain.

Retirement should be one's "**golden years**", but, once again I have had to sacrifice another day of my life and drive 4 hours to then be unable to carry my own personal protection into this "gun free zone" in yet another attempt to bring "common sense" to Ohio's gun laws. Believe me, I am smart enough to realize that your minds are already made up on this issue, but here I am again anyway! Perhaps that means I am actually an "idiot", because as my wise Hillbilly grandma used to say, "the mark of an idiot is making the same mistake twice," so, here I again stand, an "idiot" hoping that government will, at some point, work logically and intelligently for the people it is supposed to "serve," not control!

Seriously, this whole "**political charade**" is beyond reason! Which forefather would have ever imagined that **law-abiding citizens** would have to "testify" for what is our **RIGHT** ... the **RIGHT** to defend ourselves and our family in our own homes from thugs, criminals, and murderers? They must be asking themselves "**just how did America become this ridiculously stupid**"? The answer is simple, "**liberalism**", although the process of getting to this point was quite long and convoluted! But that's another story!

Let's face it, Ohio's current "criminal friendly" gun law requiring a home owner to flee is ludicrous, obviously formulated by politicians who were lacking in gray matter, light in the loafers, and soft on crime; or, if I give them the "**benefit of the doubt**", perhaps they simply erroneously assumed that it is less painful to get "shot in the back" by an intruder than in the chest. Frankly, I am surprised they didn't add a "**Biden Amendment**" requiring homeowners to flee to the back porch and shoot our guns into the air to "scare away the intruders"!

As a law-abiding citizen, I ask this simple question, "**Under what braindead logic, should I have the responsibility to flee from an intruder in my own home...my own home**"...the sanctuary for my family and myself? Why do I have to turn my back and yield my sanctuary to evil? If I choose to flee, that's **MY** choice, but, **how can government "require" me to flee?** It's my house, my life, and my **RIGHT** to defend them!

A "**Stand Your Ground Law**," like **H.B. 381**, is simply stating a fact, that when confronted by evil in my home, I, as a law-aiding citizen, have the **RIGHT** to defend myself, a **RIGHT** that does **NOT** come from politicians!

Since when do Americans "flee" when confronted by evil, especially when that evil is within our own homes? Thank God that the 19 year who recently killed three robbers breaking into his home lived in Texas, and not in Ohio, otherwise, **HE** would be in jail for defending himself and his home! **Think not??**

In a recent conversation with a friend, who spent 20 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, I was discussing this bill and to my **absolute amazement**, he informed me that there were “**LOTS**” of men he encountered in prison who were convicted of defending their homes against the criminal element. At first, I thought he was kidding me, but, unfortunately, he was not! **Just how ludicrous and pathetic is that?**

Despite his revelation, and regardless of what you decide about this bill, if a criminal enters my home thereby threatening the safety of myself, my family, or my property, I will exercise my **GOD GIVEN RIGHT** and I will do everything within my power to send that criminal out in a body bag, and I will not lose one minute of sleep over it! If that makes me a criminal, then America is truly finished as “the land of the free, and the home of the brave”.

Those who would vote against House Bill 381 are choosing to coddle the criminal element and yield to evil, but I will not!

As a life-long gun owner, long-time holder of a concealed carry permit, and an American citizen, I will **NEVER** relinquish my **RIGHT** to defend myself and my family from criminal threats and tyranny. **I will not cut and run!**

For those “**liberal minded**” among you, who feel sympathy for the criminals, perhaps you should consider enacting **literacy programs** for all potential criminals. It could save their lives! You see, I have **large signs** around the outside of my house which warn criminals, “**NOTHING INSIDE IS WORTH DYING FOR!**” Should they fail to take heed, the **consequences are on them, regardless of your vote on H.B. 381!**

It is time to start putting some “**common sense**” back into our laws and to reaffirm the basic rights given to us by God and our forefathers who authored our Constitution...you know, the Constitution...that absolute, well defined system of laws establishing the greatest nation this planet has ever seen. As you might recall if you did not sleep through Civics Class, it grants Americans certain “**inalienable rights**” and “**freedoms**” and “**affirms our basic God given rights,**” such as the **RIGHT** to defend ourselves and our homes **from government tyranny and evil.**

The Constitution is not, and never was, an “**evolving document**” where criminals were to gradually be given protection from the consequences of their actions. To think otherwise is stupid, and **sadly, you can't fix stupid!**

Please vote to **protect the law-abiding citizens of Ohio** by passing “**Stand Your Ground**” legislation, **H.B. 381**. Don't turn Ohio's citizens into criminals should they find it necessary to exercise their **RIGHT** of self-defense! Save prison space for the true criminals!

Please vote FOR this bill!

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