

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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DATE: June 9, 2020

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ARE YOU REPRESENTING: YOURSELF  ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU WISH TO TESTIFY ON

LEGISLATION (BILL NUMBER): 381

SPECIFIC ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT MATTER: \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU FAVOR \_\_\_\_\_ OR OPPOSE  THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THIS ISSUE?

WILL YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT, VISUAL AIDS, OR OTHER MATERIAL TO DISTRIBUTE?

YES  No \_\_\_\_\_

(IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES TO THE CHAIRMAN OR SECRETARY)

**See written statement below.**

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOUR TESTIMONY REQUIRE? Statement provided in writing

PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE GROUNDS ON WHICH YOU FAVOR OR OPPOSE SUCH ENACTMENT **See Attached.**

Chairman Lang, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the Criminal Justice Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present my testimony today. My name is Kathryn Knue Przywara. I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio and I have lived in the Montgomery/Symmes Township area since 1988. I graduated from the University of Notre Dame and the Indiana University (Bloomington) School of Law magna cum laude and Order of the Coif. I am currently licensed to practice law in Ohio and the District of Columbia. I am a member of Moms Demand Action. My husband and I raised our two sons in Ohio and we are the proud grandparents of two grandsons. I want to make this country a better place for my young grandsons and everything I do it guided by that principle. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 381.

Let me briefly summarize some of the many reasons for my opposition:

1. Stand Your Ground laws escalate rather than defuse situations with potentially fatal consequences and they perpetuate a shoot first and ask questions later mentality.
2. Such laws encourage vigilantism.
3. These laws have particularly devastating impacts on communities of color.
4. There are studies and statistics that suggest Stand Your Ground laws are associated with an increase in firearm homicides and injuries and do not deter crime. There is also evidence that such laws may bring violence into suburban neighborhoods.
5. As you are well aware, individuals already can avail themselves of self-defense as an affirmative defense and, in instances where an individual acts in defense of themselves or another when occupying a residence or vehicle, the individual has a **PRESUMPTION** of self-defense.
6. Current events make clear that the majority of citizens do not want these sorts of laws that escalate conflict and have disproportionate impacts on persons of color.
7. The adoption of such a law in Ohio does not make us appear to be a modern, forward thinking state where we want to encourage new businesses to locate and young people to live.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Knue Przywara