

**Testimony on House Bill 381**  
**House Criminal Justice Committee**

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Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Leland and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing my written testimony in opposition to HB381. I am writing to you today as a concerned fellow citizen.

I watched the opponent testimony yesterday and was inspired and proud of the citizens who stood up and gave their data-driven, yet heartfelt testimony. I am also wondering how well you all slept last night after hearing all of that testimony and knowing there will be more today. And, that whether Ohio becomes a more dangerous place to live with the passing of this bill is on you. The facts speak for themselves-HB381 will not be good for Ohio or Ohioans (even “law-abiding” Ohioans).

After watching last night’s hearing, I reviewed some of the proponent testimony on this bill which was a “drop in the bucket” compared to the sheer volume of the testimony in opposition. A few things stand out when comparing the proponent and opponent testimonies. The proponents put forth testimony in which they childishly resort to name calling and what seems to be an unhealthy level of paranoia that they will be attacked as they go about their “law-abiding” daily activities in our great State.

One proponent goes so far as to say that “HB 381 provides lawful citizens the ability to use a firearm as a **DE-ESCALATION** tool” by using it to threaten the use of force against a would be attacker.” The fictional example that he gives to float his theory that a firearm can be used to de-escalate an incendiary situation might be laughable if he wasn’t invoking it in order to defend his wrong-headed position on such a serious matter.

Proponents also mentioned that they shouldn’t have to inconvenience themselves by driving hours away from their homes to protect their right to self-defense. I have news for them. They didn’t. They currently have a right to self-defense WITHOUT HB381 as we all do.

I ask you to carefully consider all the testimonies that you have heard and read during these hearings and make the right decision on HB381-it is NOT what Ohioans want!

Thank you for your time.