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I support House Bill 178 for Concealed Handgun Carry, testimony below, by Gary Pfuehler, Ohio:

Ladies and gentlemen, when assessing this so very important legislation, please pay very close attention, as to what organization is making a specific claim, and compare ***it*** with the qualifications of the organization which is claiming just the opposite, most likely for confusion purposes. Watch for “made-up stories”, by very questionable organizations, which make an effort to deceive the public, and to deceive the legislatures. For example, do you want to believe opposing statistics from the FBI, or the American Journal of Public Health, or, a study by an economic major, from The Bureau of Economic Research.?? !!.

Do you want to believe that criminals claim that they carried guns because they feared private citizens who may be carrying concealed? !!.. This is pure BULL, The criminals carried guns to commit their crimes. Thank God that they fear the law-abiding, private citizen who carries concealed.

You will hear, or, possibly have already heard that 14 police officers were killed between May 2007 and May 2014, by private citizens, who carried concealed, reportedly, not in self-defense. It so happens that the “private citizens”, who killed the officers were not law-abiding citizens. There is no statistic that shows that law-abiding, concealed carriers have killed any cops !!

The NRA, has many statistics about many, many lives that have been saved by law-abiding citizens, who carry, and or, own guns. Recent reporting by The Opinion Research Center, shows that women who carry concealed, feel much safer, because they have at least some chance of protection, and they do. The National Opinion Research Center also conducted a study, in 2001 and showed that about 60% of private citizens, who carried concealed, feel much safer at night, and in dangerous areas of town.

A study published in the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, revealed that approximately 56% of gun-carrying criminals will flee, when opposed by concealed gun carriers. You say, but, this is only half. YES, but, . none of the criminals would flee, if they don't see a gun !! Statistics can be dangerous in the wrong hands.

We have a quote from Sherriff Richard Mack, from the state of Arizona, that claims: “The police force, around the country, in general, do very little to prevent violent crimes”. Why is this??? Because it has been reported, as a result of police-report-records, that it takes, on the average, 58 minutes for a policeman to arrive at a scene of a violent crime. Thank God again, for those who can help prevent crime and deaths with concealed handguns.

We also have another law officer's quote, from Larry Craig, Detroit Chief of Police: “Handguns carried by trained citizens, greatly deters crime”. And, another police statistic, which shows results of a survey of 15,000 retired police officers, showed that 91.3% of them support citizen carried handguns. Thank God for this statistic.

Finally, I thank God for what I call a God Given Right, to carry arms, per the 2nd Amendment. My own personal testimony is also a: “Thank You God”, because when I as robbed, by two men, at gun point, in 1995, when leaving work, late one evening, the criminals took my wallet, money, wedding ring, wrist watch, and hit me over the head with my new shoes, but, when they took my small, spiral bound, prayer journal, from my shirt pocket, they asked, “What is this”? I said, “It's my prayer journal”. They dropped everything, even my bloody shoes, and ran.Thank God, that we can now carry concealed !!!

Respectfully Submitted, Gary Pfuehler, Ohio