

Chairman Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, ranking member Miller, and members of the Ohio House Federalism Committee, I thank you for time and attention today as I give opposition testimony for HB 178.

Last week I was in this room and witnessed two police officers give testimony also in opposition to HB 178, and what struck me the most is that they had the same concerns I had, which is that HB 178 would increase the number of concealed guns being handled by untrained owners.

My concern at this situation is significant, but before I jump into that I want to give you a visual representation of what guns look like in the hands of untrained owners so you will hopefully fully understand where my concern is coming from.

If anyone wants to see more videos like this all they need to do is type in "gun fails" on YouTube and you will have enough to last you a lifetime.

I do not have a problem with guns, my problem is when a dangerous and or/stupid person has a gun. If I see someone with a gun and I make the determination that they are not skilled enough to handle it safely, I can leave the area and keep myself safe. The training currently required for concealed carry is basic, but at least it provides me enough assurance that the person has at least fired the weapon before. HB 178 would take away that assurance from everyday Ohioans like myself, and our law enforcement officers who work so hard to keep people safe.

I think a concealed carry permit is part of common sense gun legislation, and I encourage you all to vote no on HB 178. Thank you again for your time and attention, and I welcome any questions.

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