

Monday, April 16, 2018

Good afternoon,

I would like to take a moment to provide my support of HB 228. Law abiding, gun owning citizens are not criminals, yet I feel in the current climate, we're being treated as such. We are currently the only state who places the burden of proof on the victim in a self-defense situation. All other states place this burden on the state and we should do the same. Victims should not be treated as if they were a criminal. This is leaving victims open to all sorts of prosecution not to mention possibly losing your means to support your family.....all for defending yourself from imminent danger. Secondly, as a female, I would like to see the removal of the duty to retreat. Females are physically not as strong as men and mere seconds may be the difference between life and death. There may be no opportunity to make a retreat. Males can easily overpower females in a matter of seconds. Please take a moment to consider the females in your life....wife, mother, sister, daughter.....I believe with all my heart you would not want them in a position where they're unable to defend themselves. I am asking that you please support HB 228 for all of Ohio, but especially for women. We deserve to have the ability to not be a victim. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Angie Michael