

Testimony for the Ohio House Civil Justice Committee regarding Ohio House Bill 796, 'Expands locations at which a person has no duty to retreat'

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Chairman Hambley and members of the committee, I am a private citizen who is afraid of increasing gun violence in our communities. I fear for myself; my husband, who is a teacher; my children, who are students; my neighbors; and our law enforcement, who have to face increasingly violent situations.

Earlier this year your constituents spoke very, very clearly against Stand Your Ground laws. A similar bill, HB 381 garnered 13 testimonials in support, but over 125 testimonials against it.

That's almost 10-to-1 *against* Stand Your Ground laws.

Please represent the clear will of the citizens of Ohio, follow the research that proves Stand Your Ground laws are dangerous and discriminatory, and oppose HB 796.

Thank you for your time.