

Chairman, Ranking Member Brown, Members of the committee -- thank you for allowing my testimony today. My name is Kelly Goshe; I am a stay at home parent, and I oppose HB 796.

Ohio does not need and should not pass a so-called "stand your ground" bill. As representatives of Ohio, part of your job is to make Ohio a better, safer state, and this bill does nothing to accomplish that. In states that have passed Stand Your Ground legislation, violence has increased, not decreased. Moreover, those most affected by this increased violence are disproportionately citizens from communities of color.

Ohioans value common sense, and Stand Your Ground defies that value in every way. We want legislation that will actually decrease violence and make our citizens safer. I urge you to vote no on HB 796 and to sponsor gun legislation that actually protects Ohioans.

Thank you.