

Testimony on House Bill 796
Civil Justice Committee

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Chair Hambley, Vice Chair Patton, Ranking Member Brown, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 796.

My name is Laura Irvin and I live in HD 56. I have personally known 4 people who were murdered or died by gun suicide in 4 different incidences. We had a mass shooting in Elyria this summer and it barely made the news. 5 people dead - an entire family. I'm tired of it. After the Dayton shooting Ohioans begged and pleaded with Governor DeWine and the Ohio State Legislature to Do Something! If SB 383 passes, you will be doing the exact opposite. Allowing the claim of self defense when a person could have just walked away are murders just waiting to happen. Our current self-defense laws already protect people who are truly in danger. States with Stand Your Ground laws see increases in firearm homicide and injuries. In an average month, at least 30 people nationwide are killed as a result of Stand Your Ground laws. Ohioans do not want more death. Please do not add to the 1400 Ohioans who are killed in gun violence every year in Ohio. Please use common sense and vote NO on SB 383.

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