

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 Dianne Frimel. I am writing to you as a private citizen who wants to keep Ohio safe for everyone. For that reason I am strongly opposed to HB 796 a bill that will needlessly endanger the lives of Ohioans in communities across our state. Stand Your Ground laws allow a person to shoot to kill in public, even when there is a clear and safe alternative. Such laws encourage escalated violence in situations that could be diffused in other ways. Statistics show that states with Stand Your Ground laws see an increase in firearm deaths and injuries. In an average month at least 30 people are killed nationwide because of Stand Your Ground laws. As legislators you should be passing laws that reduce gun violence and make us safer, not the opposite. Please vote no on HB 796.

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