

HB 796 Stand Your Ground

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Representing self Oppose legislation: HB 796

Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

I am strongly opposed to HB 796, especially its Stand Your Ground provisions. This bill is likely to increase murders in Ohio, as it has in other states.

The very timing of this hearing is an affront to the thousands of protesters in the streets of Ohio this year in support of Black Lives Matter. This year's First Amendment actions cry out for an end to police brutality, yet you seem anxious to increase shootings and gun deaths in Ohio with this legislation.

HB 796 is not needed. Gun owners already have adequate ability to protect their lives and property in Ohio. Please don't give the hot-heads an excuse to shoot African-Americans because of their own racist fears. It is always better for a gun owner to retreat, saving two lives, including his own. Throwing this bill into the trash can will save lives.

Thank you,
Constance Rubin