

Opposition Testimony on House Bill 796
Stand Your Ground
Civil Justice Committee
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To Chairman Hambley, Vice Chairman Pattyon and Committee,

I am opposed to HB 796, Stand Your Ground. You have given us so little time to learn about the hearing today and to provide testimony, that I do not have time to list all of the reasons and research on why this is a dangerous bill. Suffice it to say, this bill has encouraged violence to escalate in other states that have it, has increased the death rate and, more often than not, the person who was killed was not even armed! More than 500 Ohioans die from gun violence each year. This bill will increase that number. It will also unfairly impact people of color because they (especially young black men) are the most likely to be perceived as a threat.

Respectfully submitted,
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