

OPPOSITION TESTIMONY ON HB 796

Submitted by

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Chairman Hambley and Committee members,

I object to the very short notice that you have given the public regarding the final hearing of this bill. Once again, voters barely have an opportunity to testify in opposition to such a controversial bill.

I am an Ohio resident and voter. I strongly oppose HB 796. Creating Stand Your Ground laws in Ohio puts the public in more danger as they go about their daily activities. In short, this bill would encourage more escalation of violence as has already happened in states like Florida, where the gun homicide rate went up by more than 30% shortly after they passed a similar law. In 67% of Florida's "Stand Your Ground" shootings, the victim was not even carrying a gun! This law will create more gun violence and drastically worsen the public safety culture in Ohio. Please put the safety of your constituents first and reject HB 796

Thankyou,

David Madaffer