

Dena Lishing  
Opponent HB 381

To the Chairman and Committee Members,

My name is Dena Lishing. I oppose HB381 Stand Your Ground, because my 11 year old son was shot and killed in his home, while he slept. Every year, more than 1300 children die of gun violence in Amercia. Many children are shot because they are caught in the cross fire of adults. If you make Ohio a Stand Your Ground State, more arguments will escalate into shootings in public places. More children will die just because they are in the wrong place at the wrong time. This bill makes every Ohio parking lot, mall, playground or movie theater "the wrong place " for a child to be.

My son's name is Caleb Lishing and he lived only a short life. His dreams died the day he did, and my dreams for him died also. He was a smart, caring, compassionate, loving young boy. His smile would brighten a room and his laughter would fill your heart. This does not just impact the person who died, it impacts the family of the child. It's been 2 years and for me, his mother, it's like it was yesterday. Every life matters. If gun owner's lives and rights matter; then so should Caleb's rights and those of his family. For Caleb and for all the other children who will be shot in Ohio, I beg you to vote No on Stand Your Ground..

Sincerely  
Dena Lishing