

Chairman/woman Lang, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Leland, and members of the Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee, Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Ian Graham. I am a longtime Columbus resident and employee at Lost Weekend Records and Delmar Communications. I am strongly opposed to HB 381.

The American Bar Association:

"After nearly 10 years of Stand Your Ground laws, the data on the controversial self-defense law is in and the results are not very impressive. Stand Your Ground laws increase homicides, have no deterrent on serious crimes, result in racial disparities in the criminal justice system and impede law enforcement."

At a time when black people in our city are in more danger than ever from police and racist vigilantes, it is shameful to even bring this bill forward for consideration.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Best,

Ian Graham