

To Chairman George Lang and Vice Chair Phil Plummer and Ranking Member David Leland:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. As a member of this community, and as a physician, I am strongly opposed to HB381. I believe this legislation poses great potential harm and injury to our community as evidenced by the data from states and communities that have enacted similar laws. Among the 26 states that have passed stand-your-ground laws in the past 15 years, there is substantial evidence that these laws do not deter crimes and repeatedly increase firearm homicides.

Thank you in advance for considering my input. I ask that you consider my testimony and vote No on this bill.

Sincerely,

Sheldon Retchin, M.D.