

Testimony on Senate Bill 383
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

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Chair Coley, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Craig, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 383.

Opposition to Stand Your Ground – This is NOT the Wild Wild West!

Dear

I write to you to let you know that I oppose Ohio's Stand Your Ground bill. It seems to me it would allow a person to shoot and kill in public, even if there was a clear and safe alternative. Stand Your Ground laws encourage escalated violence in situations that could be defused in other ways. In an average month, at least 30 people are killed nationwide as a result of Stand Your Ground bills, thus increasing firearm homicides and injuries! There are no studies that show Stand Your Ground laws deter crime.

The American Bar Association found that the application of Stand Your Ground law is "unpredictable, uneven, and results in racial disparities." Stand Your Ground laws have a disproportionate effect on communities of color

Stand Your Ground would needlessly endanger lives at a time as Ohioans are still recovering from the tragic massacre in Dayton, as well as the everyday gun violence that plagues communities across the state, without seeing any meaningful reform. In Toledo, we have a gun homicide almost every day!

Please do not vote for this dangerous bill, that will only make our state more dangerous and unsafe!

Thank you,
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