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## SB383 testimony

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To Chairman Coley and Committee Members,

I am a citizen of the rural town of Louisville, Ohio and I am opposed to SB383. Stand Your Ground laws allow a person to commit murder without repercussion and I don't want to live in a state that sanctions murder. You may say that this law will allow protection of businesses but it does not allow protection of the people that use the businesses. Why would I walk into a business and think that something that I do might result in a business owner thinking I was a danger and murdering me? I do not understand why so many elected Ohio officials believe that having more guns in our society will make Ohioans feel safer. These are unsettling times and to put more firearms into the mix will only bring more sorrow and anger into our state.

Also, it is well proven that having a gun present increases the risk of suicide. When so many business owners find themselves facing insurmountable difficulties because of the pandemic, it is irresponsible to allow more guns to be at hand. Encouraging a "shoot first and ask questions later" environment may prompt many people to think they should go about our public spaces armed and ready to shoot at the slightest provocation. So much damage will be done if this bill is to progress. Stop it now and save lives.

Thank you,  
Carol Kralik