

Testimony on Senate Bill 383
Government Oversight and Reform Committee

Submitted by:
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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 SB 383

I am a resident of Ohio, a 63-year-old widow responsible for my full time job, a difficult -to-maintain old house, an elderly mother in declining health, and two adult children still trying to find their places in this world, and yet once again, I am asked to interrupt a rare moment of peace to present my testimony to you because once again, the Republican Senate majority wants to pass an ill-conceived and dangerous bill that will literally threaten the lives of Ohio's citizens.

If you pass this bill, you are sending our families out into the community to face not only Coronavirus, but armed shooters who believe it is their right to shoot anyone who they fear. Imagine the consequences of SB 383 in the real world, where real people---the people you pretend to care about and serve---actually live. This bill applies to both law-abiding citizens and criminals. In Florida, a large number of the shooters who claim Stand Your Ground actually had a criminal record. This law gives them the perfect defense for their crime! The Ohio Chiefs of Police and Association of Prosecuting Attorneys have publicly opposed Stand Your Ground with good reason!

YOU are responsible for this nonsense. YOU need to end it. And WE will be here every step of the way until you do. Vote against SB 383

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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