

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.

My name is Tara Talgar and I have lost count of the number of times I have written testimony for hearings on gun bills in this state that will only result in more deaths and do nothing to make our state safer from gun violence.

Stand Your Ground laws result in more deaths, especially in black and brown communities. This has been clearly demonstrated in other states that have passed Stand Your Ground laws. In this year of nationwide protests against the treatment of minorities in our country, why would you choose to push this terrible bill? There are so many more pressing issues that Ohioans are facing in the middle of a global pandemic that is filling our hospitals every day.

The current law allows for self-defense. Removing the duty to retreat is a dangerous unnecessary move that will result in more deaths. This is not something that anyone other than the gun lobby is pushing for so please listen to the hundreds of constituents who are calling and submitting testimony against these dangerous bills. Listen to the people. Listen to your constituents and please DO NOT make Ohio a Stand Your Ground state.

Vote NO on SB 383.