

Thank You for inviting us here today.

I would like to say that I wholeheartedly support the Bill to get rid of the requirement that people have drivers' licenses. It is clear to me that if you are able to obtain a car, you are fit to drive it. You don't need any training, and I don't care if you've never even looked at a steering wheel. Sure, auto accidents will happen, but they were happening anyways.

Representatives, what I just said was completely and utterly wrong, but what's the difference? Who benefits from this Bill? 90% of Ohioans, the people who put you in a position of power, think people should have to get a permit to go concealed carry. According to the Smithsonian, concealed carry without training didn't even exist in the Wild West. I am a gun owner, my family owns guns, and I know quite a few people who do. It doesn't benefit any one of us. Not one. The people who benefit are the bad guys. Imagine a school shooter sitting just outside the restricted area of a school with a loaded concealed gun. By some miracle, the cops preempt the shooting. They get him for loitering, and they find the gun that would have been used to slaughter children. That guy should go to jail for life. But in the world that this Bill makes, he'll get another chance to kill. It's not enough, but at least in the status quo, people who have committed violent misdemeanors aren't allowed a concealed carry license in Ohio. Pass this Bill and that goes away. The people of Ohio are reasonable people. We're not asking for something ridiculous here. People have a right to defend themselves, but we also have the right to demand better from our government. When's the last time 90% of people agreed on anything? All the people here, including myself, are willing to put our lives on hold to protect our families, children, loved ones, schools, churches, everything, because this Bill puts all of it at risk. If you open this door, then you let thousands of dangerous people carry concealed weapons around your state. Your citizens, us, are the ones who pay the price. You thought I was crazy when I suggested we get rid of drivers' licenses, and rightfully so. Dangerous weapons are no exception. Listen to your citizens, protect your citizens, and do not pass this Bill.