

I Steven Harmeyer of 21 N. Frankfort St. Minster, OH 45865 am writing this email as my testimony in support of passing HB227 to end the current infringement upon Ohio citizens rights to bear arms.

I am a working engineering management professional, husband, father of 4 and a USMC vet.

I currently have an Ohio CCW license, as I am fortunate to have the financial means to cover the fees involved to meet current requirements in place today by Ohio law. The current law discriminates against citizens of lesser means, by placing a financial hardship on citizens to pay absorbent fees for training and licensing required to gain an Ohio CCW.

Furthermore the current concealed carry law applies no common sense logic. As other Ohio laws allow citizens to open carry firearms without the need for training or licensing. This makes no sense, just by putting a jacket, I am now require extra training and licensing. Ohio also participates in concealed carry recipriocity with other states (as we should). But most of these states have less stringent CCW training requirements, or have adopted constitutional carry laws themselves.

Today more than ever, Ohio needs to follow the example of so many other states that have passed constitutional concealed carry laws. It is time for Ohio to stop infringing on citizens 2nd amendment rights. Send a message to those in D.C. that Ohio stands for its citizens and the U.S Constitution. Pass HB227 and make constitutional concealed carry available to all law abiding citizens.

Respectfully,

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