

Government Oversight Committee

Opponent Testimony HB 227

From Penny Hubbard

To the Chairman and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I live in Clinton, Ohio with my husband. We have raised all three of our daughters in this rural community and all three girls now work or teach in public schools in N.E. Ohio.

I oppose the passage of HB 227. This bill is yet another try at Permitless Carry. Permitless Carry = Untrained Carry. It is common sense to require training before owning/using a deadly weapon. The amount of gun violence in the state of Ohio is appalling. We should be increasing education and training on safety for gun owners, not eliminating it altogether. The thought of thousands of untrained protesters carrying concealed weapons during these high stress situations terrifies me.

Also, Permitless Carry = Easy Access for Criminals. Since 1998, Ohio Background Checks have stopped 81,000 gun sales to prohibited purchasers including more than 37,000 illegal sales to convicted felons, more than 16,000 illegal sales to domestic abusers and more than 8,000 illegal sales to drug users.(1) We need to strengthen the Ohio background check system, not abandon it!

Keep Ohio's gun permit system! Reject HB 227.

Thank you,

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1. State level NICS denial data obtained by Everytown via FOIA requests.