

Government Oversight Committee

Opposition Testimony on SB215-Permitless Carry

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Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important public safety crises.

My name is Leslie Baird and I am a retired school professional and a resident of Stark County, OH. I oppose SB 215. Gun owners are always talking about their 2nd Amendment rights but the Ohio Supreme Court has already ruled that Permits and Background Checks do not impinge on the 2nd Amendment. But they DO protect the right to health and safety for the rest of us! Almost 40, 000 Americans die from Gun violence every year and 1,455 of them are Ohioans. (Gifford Law Center). This bill would eliminate background checks for concealed carry. A recent study by Boston University found that states without permits and background checks had 15% higher homicide rates than states with such provisions. This is not a good path for Ohio!

Do the right thing for Ohio! Reject SB 215.

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