

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 227  
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify on HB 227.

I live in Jackson Township, Stark County, OH and I oppose HB 227. This bill will just make it easier for prohibited people to carry hidden, loaded guns. It would change current law so that people who are carrying don't even need to have any firearm training. The gun lobby has told us for years that the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun. Law enforcement knows that more armed civilians, with guns drawn, at a crises scene just makes their job harder. In the words of one police chief from Montgomery County, Maryland, "a cop shows up and there's people with guns in their hands. We don't know how to tell the good guys with a gun from the bad guys with a gun". More guns in our community just puts us all at more risk. Vote No on HB 227.

Respectfully,

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