

**Government Oversight Committee  
Opponent Testimony on House Bill 227  
Submitted by: Wendy Oldaker**

To the Chairman and Committee Members,

I am a resident, homeowner and voter in Stark Count, OH and I oppose HB 227.

It is hardly an "unfair burden" on gun owners to get a permit to concealed carry. The \$50-60 cost of a permit (over a 5 year period!) is small in comparison to the cost of a gun. If the gun industry is so concerned about the burden of cost on gun owners, they should lower the cost of their guns by 10% so more people can afford their guns. What IS tragically expensive and unfair is the cost to victims of being shot. Medical bills run into the thousands and disabilities and injury may last a lifetime!. Most gun owners recognize that there is a responsibility to owning guns and they support permits, background checks and training.

Ever since the Sandy Hook shooting, Wayne LaPierre of the NRA has been telling us that "the only way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun." We are seeing this in society as a whole. The idea that we need more "Good Guys" with guns will stop shootings by "Bad Guys" has been thoroughly debunked by research. We have 400 million guns in this country but we lead the world in gun deaths! Our gun deaths continue to climb at alarming rates *especially here in Ohio*.

I cannot think of any good reason to pass permitless carry. I urge you to reject HB 227. This bill is dangerous to Ohioans.

Thank you,  
Wendy Oldaker

