

House Government Oversight Committee

Opposition Testimony HB 227

Submitted by:

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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and members of the committee:

I am writing to oppose HB227, as a concerned citizen and a voter. This bill is dangerous for Ohioans. It alters restrictions to concealed carry and eliminates requirements for training for concealed carry. I speak here as a survivor of gun violence. Earlier this year, I witnessed a drive-by shooting right behind my house. The trauma of that event has not left me. Obviously I do not know where or how that shooter obtained his gun; however, I do know that this "permitless carry" bill will increase gun violence. It has been proven to do so in other states where similar bills have been pushed through. The worst thing I can imagine is more people obtaining guns who should not have them, because of bills like this that loosen restrictions on licensing and training. More survivors of gun violence, like me, will result; and lives will be lost. In Ohio, we need laws that keep people safe. This bill is deadly and unnecessary. I urge you to vote against HB227. Thank you. Sincerely, Sarah Krieg