

House Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony HB 227

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

I am writing as a concerned citizen of Parma, OH in opposition to HB227 which would expand the ability to carry concealed handguns to certain criminals and people charged with crimes who cannot currently obtain such a license. This bill goes against the will of the people and puts all of us at risk. Nine out of ten Americans believe a person should have a permit to carry a concealed weapon. HB227 would allow those with no firearms safety training, violent criminals, and some drug offenders to carry concealed handguns in public. I think we all know that putting guns into the hands of more people leads to more death, and a cursory glance at the abundant data on deaths from gun violence proves it. The legislators that support this gun bill are neither conservative or patriotic, in that Ohio has always needed gun permits and most Ohioans want to keep this in place. These legislators are going against the will of the people with this reckless bill. This bill is illogical, unsupported and violent. It is taking us to a place where Ohio has never been and that is a lawless, wild wild west type state with no rules and where anyone can cause mayhem with the click of a trigger.