

House Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony HB 227

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

I am writing as a concerned citizen 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. Ohioans have heard legislators tell us time and again that gun laws only penalize law-abiding citizens. If this is the case then there is no reason to change who may obtain a CCW license. We need laws that will encourage responsible gun ownership. Widening the net of who can carry concealed weapons, when gun violence is increasing in our state, is not a way to diminish gun violence and keep our communities safe.