

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 227  
Submitted by: Carol Kralik

Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify.

I am a 70-year old woman who lives in rural Stark County. I strongly oppose HB 227. The elimination of gun permits that this law would allow makes it more dangerous for me to walk the streets of my small town. I have been taught to fear the dangerous criminal and the drug abuser. These are knowns. But this bill would allow the unqualified gun owner to carry loaded weapons. There would be no firearms training and no background check to protect me from the people just having a 'very bad day' as Capt Jay Baker said of the Atlanta spa shooter. It is well documented that gun violence in a community increases when gun permits are no longer required. Please do not allow HB 227 to become law. I like my life in rural Ohio and I don't want to live fearing an untrained person carrying a loaded weapon. Do you? Vote against HB 227 and protect me and all Ohio citizens.

Sincerely, Carl Kralik