

Testimony on House Bill 227
House Government Oversight Committee
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Chairman Wilkins, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney: Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony today. I am writing as a concerned citizen in opposition to HB227 which would expand the ability to carry concealed handguns.

Handling of any firearm is a big responsibility. If you are a member of the military or any law enforcement agency, you are required to train many hours. So much so that it becomes a way of life. I don't imagine the military is working on ways to curtail safe weapons training.

HB227 would permit Ohioans without any training to carry a concealed handgun. I can't think of anyone that I know that I would trust to carry a gun with no training. When I was young my father thought it was his responsibility to teach me the right way to handle firearms. It took many hours of training, going through hunters' safety courses and supervised hunting trips before he would even consider letting me handle a gun on my own.

Ohio needs responsible gun laws. We put people, even the untrained person using the gun, in great danger with laws like this. I ask you to say no to HB227.

Thank you for giving me the chance to voice my concern.

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