

Ohio Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee
Opposition Testimony on SB 215
by Cheryl Gooch

To Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Thomas, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I live in the rural community of Wooster, OH and I oppose Sub Bill 227.

When is enough, enough? How many people have to die at the hands of someone who is mentally unstable, before Ohio Law makers will do their job to keep the citizens of Ohio safe? This law is designed to neglectfully support criminals, the gun industry, and preventing Ohio's law enforcement and prosecutors from keeping communities safe. Ohio law makers should not continue to side with the gun lobby, at the risk of law abiding Ohioans and their communities. All law abiding Ohio gun owners, are more than willing to complete a background check, to register, to get a license to conceal carry if they choose, and to obtain necessary training. They do this because they want to keep their communities safe. We need laws that will encourage responsible gun ownership by everyone. 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. Legislation regarding concealed carry and who may obtain a license should be about safety. Not about rushing to put guns in the hands of more citizens and criminals. This bill is in direct opposition to conservative law and order values to keep communities safe. Please vote NO on Sub Bill HB 227 and HB 227.

Respectfully,

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