

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 227  
Submitted by Connie Rubin

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

My name is Connie Rubin. I am a retiree living in North Canton Ohio, whose two daughters graduated from Ohio's public schools. I am strongly opposed to HB 227 which seeks to allow people to carry concealed weapons without a permit, without undergoing a background check and without any training on how to handle their gun or shoot straight. I believe Ohio's weak laws on gun ownership have endangered our citizens; this law would further lower safeguards. I know the gun industry, and its paid gun lobbyists, are constantly talking about 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. But about 1,500 Ohioans die every year from gun violence and 3 or 4 times that number are shot but survive, often with lifelong consequences. Now WE are demanding OUR rights to health and safety. Common-sense gun laws protect US, the citizens of Ohio. Do what is right for Ohio, reject HB 227.

Respectfully,

Connie Rubin