

House Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony HB 227

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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important public safety matter.

I strongly oppose HB 227. I am a successful businessman and the father of 2 young children who attend Jackson Local Schools. I have worked hard to provide a wonderful home and education in this lovely suburban and rural area. I know that gun violence impacts not only families but also businesses which are saddled with many extra costs such as paying for added security, increased insurance premiums, damage to stores and offices. Most importantly, gun violence in our neighborhoods makes customers less likely to want to take their families to local brick and mortar stores; more and more shopping gets done online. My wife and I do not want our children sitting next to some guy carrying a concealed, loaded weapon (who may not even be properly trained in its use) at a restaurant. All these factors make HB 227 bad for local business.

Thank you,

Matt Harmon