

Testimony on House Bill 325
Government and Oversight Committee

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Chair Wilkin and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing my written testimony in opposition to House Bill 325.

My name is Ann Morahan. I have lived in the state of Ohio for over seventy years and never have I seen such a flurry of gun bills. Once again you are promoting a bill that purports to keep us safe during a state of emergency by buying a gun—**forgetting about the increased risk of domestic violence and firearm suicide.**

This ridiculous bill restricts public officials from enacting policies in favor of health and safety of Ohioans by prioritizing guns as you might food stores, doctors' offices, and other life-sustaining businesses. It prohibits during a state of emergency: seizure of firearms, ammunition, firearm magazines, weapons other than firearms; restriction of possession of firearms; suspension or revocation of handgun license; closing or limiting operation of shooting ranges; and more.

This sounds like sour grapes because the legislature was not able to bully their way during a health emergency. In fact, you had no say in the matter as the public health officials had the knowledge and foresight and the intent to keep Ohioans safe. Now you roll out a bill that gives the gun lobby what it wants: push more guns (and add to your coiffeurs for re-election from the gun lobby?)

We, the people are supposed to respect you for making our lives less safe during an emergency like a pandemic when you are not health professionals?????

Give me a break!. Your arrogance and self-centered actions are sickening and frightening. You seem to stoop at nothing to kill us all or let others kill all of us.

During a public emergency, the focus should be public safety, not curtailing governor's power, judicial discretion, or local law enforcement effectiveness.

Unnecessarily restricting the authority of public health officials during a public health emergency is irresponsible, unsafe, and selfish, not to mention extremely stupid.

Kill this bill!