

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 325  
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify. I am a retired health care provider from Akron Children's and a bereaved mother. I have been a Republican for most of my adult life.

I oppose HB 325. I am astounded that this committee continues to devote its time to adding to the pro-gun culture in Ohio. This bill is a "solution in search of a problem!" Gun shops did not shut down during the COVID pandemic of 2021. So why are you spending time writing and passing a bill to keep gun shops from closing down in similar circumstances? How about spending your time on improving health care in our state, reducing child trafficking, improving access to education and ensuring fair elections? There are already more guns in the US than there are people. It is not making us safer. Stop adding to the gun culture that is killing our citizens. With about 1,500 Ohioans dying every year from gun violence, there is no reason to pass this bill. Research shows us that the 10 states with the loosest gun laws have the highest gun death rates. So stop adding to the culture of gun violence that is killing our citizens.

Thank you for your attention,  
Pat Krummrich