

Opposition Testimony HB455
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White and Ranking Member Brown, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in opposition to HB455. The NRA and gun extremists remind us every single time there is any gun legislation, at the state and federal level, that law-abiding citizens do not break laws. Therefore there is absolutely no reason for the existence of HB455 and it's simply a solution to a problem that doesn't exist.

I cannot bring my dogs into most establishments. And I respect the wishes of private businesses. And my dogs aren't going to accidentally or intentionally kill someone. Why are we extending a law to citizens carrying guns? Why not my dogs.

This General Assembly needs to stand with Ohio businesses, not gun rights extremists, by supporting their choice to prohibit firearms in their establishments. Public safety should be the concern and top priority of our lawmakers. Not the concern of people who are not following the law regarding where they can and cannot bring their firearms. Otherwise, extend this same policy towards anyone breaking a law that claims it was an accident or unintentional.

Please do not let this dangerous and ridiculous bill go any further. It is a danger to Ohioans. Additionally this type of legislation is really a slippery slope that tells people they don't need to follow the rule of law. Thank you.