

**Testimony Opposing SB215
Veterans and Public Safety Committee**

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My name is Laura Irvin and I live in Lorain County.

If you want to be pro law enforcement, then you need to vote against permitless carry.

Permitless carry is opposed by police chiefs across the state, FOP and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association. Why would you put the lives of our officers in greater danger than they already face?

This bill would allow the carrying of concealed weapons by those convicted of misdemeanor assault on an officer. There is absolutely no logical reason you should widen the net to give this group the right to carry a concealed weapon. Second, the bill removes the duty of a person carrying a concealed handgun who is stopped by the police to promptly notify the police the individual is carrying. In addition, this bill removes any training requirement for the person carrying a concealed handgun. We have more than our share of gun violence in this state and allowing a bunch of people who have no idea how to safely secure a gun or simply aim a gun is asking for death.

Please vote NO on SB215.

Thank you,

Laura Irvin