

Opposition Testimony SB215

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Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Johnson and Ranking Member Thomas: Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony today. My name is Sarah Rameriz and I am writing as a concerned citizen in opposition to SB215. This legislation would expand the ability to carry concealed handguns to certain criminals and people charged with crimes who cannot currently obtain such a license. Ohioans have heard legislators tell us time and again that gun laws only penalize law-abiding citizens. If this is the case then there is no reason to change who may obtain a CCW license. We need laws that will encourage responsible gun ownership. Widening the net of who can carry concealed weapons, when gun violence is increasing in our state, is not a way to diminish gun violence and keep our communities safe.

I vehemently opposed to this bill because of the danger it presents for both law enforcement and private citizens in our state. More guns DO NOT make us safer. There are all sorts of data to prove that and hope you listen to the stats that demonstrate that which will be presented in verbal testimony tomorrow.

Please do not let this bill out of committee

Thank you,

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