

HOUSE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

OPPOSITION TESTIMONY HB 62

Submitted by Kate Dieble

To Chairman Wiggam and Committee Members,

I am a resident of Stark County, Ohio and I strongly oppose HB 62. Current Ohio law on already provides plenty of protection for the 2nd amendment rights of those who wish to carry guns. Now it is time for you to also protect the rights of *all* Ohioans to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Each year, about 1,500 Ohioans lose their right to life due to gun violence. A study by Boston University's School of Public Health found that states with stricter gun regulations have lower numbers of gun homicides. Ohioans demand common sense gun laws!

In addition, HB 62 would make it harder for Ohio's police officers to do their job. We all need to support the brave men and women who risk their lives each day to protect us. Yet HB 62 would prevent them from enforcing important gun safety laws, risking their lives and ours. You have large numbers of well-trained police protecting you here in the Capital. The Ohio State Troopers that protect you will take a bullet for you to save your life. You have a responsibility to these officers to support them in their work and a duty to protect the people of Ohio from criminals, drug dealers and domestic abusers who would endanger us with guns. Ohio must respect federal gun laws that our elected representatives have passed.

Please stop HB 62 before it goes any further.

Thank you,

Kate Dieble