

House State and Local Government Committee
Opposition Testimony on HB 62
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Dear Chair and Committee,

I am a Pediatric Pulmonologist, member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and an Ohio resident who always votes. I take care of children whose lives and those of their families have been forever destroyed by gun violence. The creation of a “Gun Sanctuary” state is a dangerous threat to our communities and families. It sends a clear message to convicted violent criminal, illegal drug users and domestic abusers that they are free to buy and carry guns in Ohio and will result in even more shootings, Research shows that states with more guns have higher gun death rates. The presence of a gun has been shown to endanger children. Since our state has reopened as COVID recedes, the number of mass shootings and gun deaths of children has gone up alarmingly. Research shows that states with more guns have higher gun death rates. Therefore, I strongly oppose HB 248.

Thank you,
Debbie Toder, MD
