

Thank you for allowing me to submit my written testimony in opposition of HB 51. My name is Nancy Fingerhood and I live in Canfield, Ohio. HB 51 is a dangerous bill.

Guns are the leading cause of death for children in the U.S. The U.S. is the only country among its peers that has seen a substantial increase in the rate of child firearm deaths in the last two decades (42%). All comparably large and wealthy countries have seen child firearm deaths fall since 2000. This bill will aid in that increase in child deaths.

Dismantling gun restrictions on those convicted of domestic violence will lead to increased deaths of victims of abuse. Many suspects behind recent mass shootings had a history of domestic abuse and harassment. Domestic violence incidents are already highly dangerous for responding officers. HB 51 makes it even more dangerous.

Please vote no on HB 51. Thank you.