

House Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony: HB51
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To the Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 51.

My name is Mike Hubbard. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. Until recently, my wife and I lived in Clinton, Ohio, a small rural town outside of Canton, where we raised our 3 daughters. I'm proud to say that two of our three daughters are teachers and the other is a school psychologist. They all work for schools in N. E. Ohio. Recently we built a new house in Medina, OH to be close to our children.

I am strongly opposed to HB 51. I believe this bill will fuel the anti-government sentiment of the far right, and further encourage anti-government violence. The US constitution makes it clear that federal laws supersede state laws. The supporters of this bill only seem to want to preserve the Constitution when it comes to guns. Otherwise, they seem to ignore the rest of the Constitution. They think it is their right to ignore the laws of our nation and do whatever they want, even if it results in death or injury to others. HB 51 re-enforces this attitude.

I also see this bill as a waste of taxpayer money. We, the taxpayers, will be picking up the tab for the \$50,000 penalties (per incident!) and the law suits that our towns, cities, and rural governments will incur for enforcing federal laws.

This bill is anti-police. It's already hard to hire police. Now this bill will hit our hard working police with enormous penalties for following US law. That would make anyone think twice about becoming a law enforcement officer! Fewer police, with more uncertainty as to how to legally do their jobs makes Ohio a more dangerous place for us all.

Respectfully,
Mike Hubbard