

Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony: HB 51
Submitted by Carol Kralick

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 Carol Kralik. I am a senior citizen living in a rural area of Stark County and I vote. I have recently read proposed House Bill 51 and am concerned that passage will make Ohio a more dangerous place to raise children and live a peaceful life without fear. The bill, introduced by Representatives Loychik and Schmidt, allows universal gun possession with disregard for federal laws that protect me. These federal laws were enacted to decrease gun violence. If HB51 becomes law, those protective measures will be punishable in Ohio. The state legislature has, in effect, made the decision that human life in Ohio is not as important as gun possession in my state. That makes my life less valuable than the right to carry a gun in Ohio.

I am a citizen of the United States first and a citizen of Ohio second. I want protective federal laws in place as we become a radicalized nation. We should not have to live in fear of walking in a park, shopping, enjoying an outdoor concert or even gardening in our backyard because Ohio legislators believe that the Second Amendment is more important than our freedom.

Please vote against HB 51. You must preserve the rights of Ohio citizens to be protected by federal laws and to protect our protectors by allowing our law enforcement officers to use all federal laws adopted to curb gun violence.

Respectfully,
Carol Kralik