

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony on HB 51  
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Dear Chairman, Ranking Member Brown and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important issue.

I am a businessman and my wife is a teacher at Jackson Middle School in Massillon Oh. We firmly oppose HB 51 which “preserves” the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. In 2018, My wife experienced an attempted school shooting that ended with the shooter taking his own life in the school bathroom. She is convinced that having minimally trained civilians carrying guns in the school, would have made no difference in this situation. Likewise, we are convinced that people carrying concealed weapons in our community without any requirement for permitting, background checks or even any training will only further endanger us and our neighbors. Yet the Ohio Legislature continues remove the common sense gun safety laws that are meant to reduce gun violence. HB 51 is just the latest of these dangerous bills.

This bill is also Anti-Police because it fines our police \$50,000 per incident for following federal law and subjects them to lawsuits. So you are forcing Ohio police to choose between their job and, essentially, defying the US Constitution. Some could see this as asking them to commit treason against their own country. It will certainly cause confusion among law enforcement which will make them far less effective in their jobs. It’s already hard to hire police. Why would any applicant want to apply for a job where they are placed in such an impossible situation?

Vote No on HB 51

Thank you,  
John Dannug