

Hello,

I am a concerned citizen of Ohio and am writing to express my opposition to HB51, which is particularly dangerous for women. Each month 70 women are shot and killed by an intimate partner, according to recent research from Everytown. Nearly 1 million women report that they have been shot or shot at by an intimate partner. HB51 will allow an abuser convicted of domestic violence or under a domestic violence restraining order to be deemed a qualifying adult (ORC sec. 2923.111(A)(2)(B) who can carry a concealed firearm without a permit.

This bill also puts our law enforcement in greater danger since domestic violence calls are often the most dangerous for police.

With gun ownership and gun violence increasing in our state, I'm angry that the sponsors of this bill feel that protecting women and law enforcement is not a priority as this bill demonstrates. In 2021, this violence hit close to home when a man used a gun to murder his ex-girlfriend and her new partner, a colleague at my company. Please do not let this type of violence continue.