

## Opposition Testimony on House Bill 51

Submitted by: Jennifer Botimer

To the Chairman, 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 Jennifer Botimer and I am a preschool teacher and the mother of a young daughter. I live in Jackson Township which is a suburban and rural community near Canton.

I am writing because I strongly oppose HB 51. Even if you change or amend certain parts of this bill, like penalizing police, it is a dangerous bill and I do not want it to pass! As a mother, I worry about the kind of state my daughter will grow up in. Gun violence is the number one cause of death for children and teens in Ohio. The federal gun laws we have now are barely a minimum, but at least they stop many gun purchases by felons, drug abusers and domestic abusers. Now you want to make those federal laws unenforceable in our state. This will make it easier for people who are not supposed to have guns to buy them. If you pass this law, Ohio will be even more unsafe for my daughter as she grows up. Please reject HB 51.

Thank you,

Jennifer Botimer