

Opposition Testimony on HB 51
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Chairman Peterson, Ranking Member Forhan, and Members of the
Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to
HB 51. **Even if you change or amend certain parts of this bill, like
penalizing police, it is a dangerous bill.**

As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesiologist in Stark County, I am
urging you to vote no on HB 51.

As a CRNA I have seen the devastation of gunshot wounds. According
to a study of 23,000 John's Hopkins Trauma Patients, gun injuries
require 10 X the units of blood to treat compared to other types of
trauma, and patients who have been shot are 14 times more likely to
die than other trauma patients.

Our state is having an epidemic of gun violence. According to the CDC,
1,702 Ohioans die by guns every year. Ohio's gun death rate has been
growing rapidly and we now have the 23rd-highest gun death rate in
the US. (1). HB 51 will make federal gun safety laws unenforceable in
Ohio and will penalize cities and counties for enforcing federal laws.
This is exactly the opposite of what we need in our communities to be
safer. Studies show that states with looser gun laws suffer more gun
deaths than states with stricter gun laws.

I urge you to vote no on HB51.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. <https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/gun-violence-by-state>. 2023

