

Committee Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan and Committee Members:

My name is Laura Irvin and I live in Lorain County. I am a survivor of gun violence. I am asking that you oppose HB51. This bill is dangerous for women because it loosens gun restrictions so those with a domestic violence restraining order or domestic violence misdemeanor have full protection of the law to purchase firearms. This bill also puts our law enforcement in greater danger because domestic violence calls are often the most dangerous for police. With gun ownership and gun violence increasing in our state, our representatives should be doing something to protect our citizenry rather than passing laws that escalate gun violence.

Furthermore, as seen with the same law in Missouri, HB 51 is unconstitutional because it undermines the US constitution. Please quit wasting our precious limited money with extreme laws to appease a few far right individuals.

Vote NO on HB 51.