

Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for reading my written testimony. My name is Lauren Durnwald and I am a constituent of Dayton, Ohio. I write to you to strongly oppose House Bill 51 and urge you to vote no.

It is common knowledge that mass shootings are an epidemic in this country. The Gun Violence Archive has counted over 200 mass shootings in the United States this year. Last year, the group counted 647 mass shootings. These are not just statistics; gun violence has gravely impacted our Ohio communities. In 2019 in Dayton's Oregon District, nine people lost their lives at the hands of a gunman and many others were wounded and traumatized. It is a dishonor to these victims and the countless others across the nation to pass this bill.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous and reckless bill.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Durnwald