

Opposition Testimony HB 51  
Government Oversight Committee  
Submitted by:  
Constance Rubin

To the Chair, 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 Constance Rubin. I am a retiree living in North Canton Ohio, whose two daughters graduated from Ohio's public schools. I am strongly opposed to HB 51. Even if you amend it or substitute for it, you must reject it!

This bill is misnamed "2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Protection." In fact, it is really about diminishing the constitutional rights of average Ohioans to lead a safe and productive life in our state. The 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment is already well protected by Ohio's state laws. My goodness, you have given the gun lobby Permittless Carry laws, Stand Your Ground laws, and Guns in Schools with little training laws. The Supreme court has found that common sense gun safety laws (like background checks) do NOT infringe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment (Heller vs. D.C., 2008). This bill is not needed by gun owners, not wanted by the vast majority of Ohioans and does not make Ohio a safer or more productive state in any way.

Fiscally speaking, Ohioan's tax dollars should not be used to pay the \$50,000 penalties that the bill levies on political sub-entities and on law enforcement officers for enforcing federal laws. Nor should we be paying for the law suits that will result from this bill.

Please stop HB 51 in its tracks.

Thank you,  
Constance Rubin