

Opponent Testimony on House Bill 51  
Government oversight Committee  
Submitted by: Susan Korte

To the Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony.

**I live and vote in Canton, OH and I oppose HB 51. There are NO amendments or Substitutions that would make this a good bill!**

I'm confused as to why you think you need to do more to "preserve" the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment in Ohio! No one has come in and tried to take law abiding citizen's guns away. If that was what the Democrats had in mind, they would have tried it between January 20, 2021 and January 3, 2023 when they had a federal trifecta. (Wikipedia). But they did not. Gun owners have plenty of protection for their rights in this state, as long as they obtain their guns legally and handle them responsibly. This bill is not really about gun rights, it's about pandering to the gun lobby and selling more guns.

It is very troubling that our Ohio Legislature is considering ignoring federal law. Our Founding Fathers were clear when they wrote the US Constitution that federal law was to supersede state law. That's what keeps us together as a nation, rather than just a bunch of neighborly states. I treasure our Constitution and its system of laws. I expect my state Legislators to do the same.

This bill is especially dangerous to women. Under current federal law, people convicted of abuse cannot concealed carry. If this bill passes, Ohio's state law will weaken the restrictions on abusers. As a result, fewer convicted abusers will be "disqualified" from concealed carrying a gun. More guns in the hands of more convicted abusers will result in more women being shot.

YOU are responsible for this nonsense. YOU need to end it. Vote against HB51.

Sincerely,  
Susan Korte