

Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony HB 272
Submitted by George Brechun

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

I'm a homeowner in Stark County, OH, a father and a proud Grandfather. I oppose HB 272.

As a father and husband, I share my wife's concerns that this bill will especially endanger women and children. It would allow political subdivision to decide that people coming to a multiuse building (which contains a courtroom) can carry a gun before and after the hearing or whenever court is not in session. An ex-husband, for instance, with an "axe to grind" could walk into the building before or after a contentious custody battle starts and wait for his ex-wife to walk down the hall and then intimidate her with the gun, or worse, shoot her!

It also puts judges and other members of the court at risk in the same scenario as above. Not to mention citizens and employees in the building for other legitimate purposes!

Many Ohioans worry about how unsafe our state has become. This is making Ohio a less attractive place to live, which may help explain why our population is decreasing. Please do not put us in even more dangerous situations as we try to peacefully conduct our lives. OUR RIGHTS MATTER AS MUCH AS THE 2nd AMENDMENT!

I urge you to reject this extreme bill.

Thank you,
George Brechun

