

Opposition Testimony on HB 272  
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Dear Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the committee.  
Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

As a retired mental health counselor and educator in Ohio, I strongly oppose HB 272.

As a mental health counselor, I would not feel safe having guns in buildings where there are also courtrooms. The Columbus Dispatch recently reported that Ohioans are increasingly worried about gun violence. (1) I know this bill excludes carrying a gun when court is actually in session but areas close to a courtroom, before or after a hearing are an emotionally charged environment and not the place for lethal weapons! This bill will put us in even more dangerous situations as we try to peacefully conduct our lives.

HB 272 would remove than important safety zone for public servants and citizens when they are doing their jobs or conducting their daily business.

Current Ohio law is consistent: No guns in a building that contains a courtroom. HB 272 will create confusion and further anxiety for people, especially if they are involved in some kind of court case, which is stressful in its own right.

**Please promote Ohioans better mental health and physical safety by rejecting HB272.**

Respectfully,

Ann Bobonick

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