

House Government Oversight Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 272  
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Chairman, Ranking Member and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify on this dangerous bill.

My name is Connie Rubin. I am a mother and a retiree living in Stark County, Ohio, where there are multi-use buildings that contain a courtroom like the one described in HB 272. I know the gun industry, and its paid gun lobbyists, are constantly talking about 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. But what about the 1,500 Ohioans that die every year from gun violence and 3 or 4 times that number that are shot but survive, often with lifelong consequences. Now WE are demanding OUR rights to health and safety.

HB is definitely NOT a Common-sense gun law. This bill will result in more confusion about who and when people can carry dangerous weapons into government buildings with a courtroom. Such buildings are usually provided with good security, with well trained police officers on duty. Why would you want a bunch of people who may have little to no training with their guns or knowledge of how to handle a violent public crisis all carrying guns around that building? If there IS a shooting, tell me exactly how the police or security guards know who is the criminal shooter vs who is a “good guy” who pulled out his gun? It’s a ridiculous idea, all meant to promote the “rights” of gun owners over the rest of Ohioans rights and to sell more guns!

Oppose HB 272.

Respectfully,

Connie Rubin