

Government Oversight Committee
Opponent Testimony on House Bill 272

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Dear Chairman, Ranking Member, and committee members. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this matter.

I am a resident of North Lawrence, a rural community in Stark County and a mother. I'm writing this testimony as a private, and very concerned, citizen. The proposed bill, HB 272, would make Ohioans, especially women and children, *far* less safe.

This bill will further endanger women and children because it will allow people coming to a multiuse building (which contains a courtroom) to carry a gun before and after the hearing. An ex-boyfriend, for instance, seeking revenge, could legally carry his gun into the building before or after a hearing starts and wait for his "ex" to walk through the building, and then shoot her!

HB 272 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 Ohio citizens are increasingly feeling anxious about how unsafe our state has become. Please do not put us in even more dangerous situations in our daily lives.

It is clear that this bill is designed to benefit the gun industry, not Ohio citizens. Respect our rights! Vote NO on HB 272.

Thank you,

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