

HB51 Testimony

Committee Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey and Committee Members:

My name is Susanne Lane, I am a concerned citizen and public school teacher and I wish to voice my strong opposition to HB51. This bill will make Ohio a more dangerous state, will fuel anti-government sentiment, and encourage violence.

It's a slippery slope to start passing bills that override the U.S. Constitution. States that have passed similar bills are costing taxpayers' money while their lawmakers defend this legislation. On March 7 of this year a federal judge ruled Missouri's identical bill unconstitutional, and it was preempted by the federal government under the US Constitution's supremacy clause. U.S. District Judge Brain Wimes, in his ruling stated "At best, this statute causes confusion among state law enforcement officials who are deputized for federal task operations, and at worst, is unconstitutional on its face."

This bill is madness. I ask that you please protect Ohians and the United States Constitution by opposing this terrible piece of legislation.