Testimony on HB 272

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It would appear this is just another attempt by Republican legislators to continue to pepper the state of Ohio with guns. It is a solution in search of a problem. Do rural Ohioans need and ask for guns in multi-use government buildings? When have they been threatened?

A Franklin County prosecutor with whom I spoke, foretold of possible violence in any city, county or state office as an irate person could threaten a worker in the auditor's office or children's services office. Road rage is alive and has caused several deaths this weekend. The same could happen in these buildings. What would happen in buildings with metal detectors? Would they be turned off when court is in session and off for the rest of the time?

Please reject this bill.