

Testimony Opposing House Bill 272
Government Oversight Committee

Submitted by:
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Committee Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Forhan and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 272. I am writing to you today as a concerned Ohio resident who values the lives and safety of our public servants and believes that HB 272 will endanger judges, magistrates, clerks, and other government staff by allowing concealed guns in spaces which have courtrooms when court is not in session but those who serve are required to be present for work.

Those at increased risk include members of our local law enforcement who will be called to protect them and respond to threats when guns are permitted in public spaces designated for courts. I am so disappointed that this is the type of legislation your committee is considering.

Please stand together as the Government Oversight Committee for Ohio voters and citizens and say NO to HB 272.

Sincerely,

Robin Hawkins