

SENATE VETERNS AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
OPPONENT TESTIMONY SB 58:
(PROHIBITS REQUIRING FIREARM LIABILITY INSURANCE AND FEES)
SUBMITTED BY PAT KRUMMRICH

To Chairman Hoagland, Ranking Member Craig, and Members of the Committee.

I strongly oppose SB 58. I intimately understand the costs and burdens that victims of gun violence face, especially if the shooter has no liability insurance. I am a retired health care provider from Akron Children's Hospital where I treated many patients with gun injuries. Their bills often came to thousands of dollars (or more) for treatment. I also held my own daughter's hand as she passed away at age 15 in the hospital. I will never stop fighting for the lives and rights of gun violence victims.

When a shooter has no firearm liability, often there is no resource for the victim's bills to be paid. The innocent victim has to foot the bill for their recovery. Or, in many cases, the family ends up paying for a funeral. How unfair and cruel!

We're required to carry liability insurance to operate a potentially deadly machine, ie: a car. Note: Cars don't kill people, people kill people. That's why the vehicle's owner has to carry insurance. I see no difference between this and requiring gun owners to carry insurance.

Please REJECT SB 58.

Respectfully,
Pat Krummrich