

Opposition Testimony
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Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Wilson, Ranking Member Craig and members of the committee. My name is Mimi Karon and I am a lifelong Ohioan and mother of two grown children who are smart enough to move out of Ohio and will never come back. I'm writing today to express my opposition to SB58. With all due respect, we have a gun violence problem in our state and it's in large part because of our loose gun laws.

At this moment in time there are no municipalities or localities that have any kind of licensing or insurance requirement. This bill solves a "problem" that simply doesn't exist. Although, I wish localities actually would require insurance since it would encourage safe and responsible gun ownership. I'd like to believe lawmakers would encourage this considering the fact that a very high majority of the people in this state want common sense gun laws.

In Ohio we have many problems. Having difficulty purchasing a gun is not one of them. I would like our lawmakers to spend time on legislation that improves the quality of life for those of us who live here. Legislation that protects our children from gun violence based on data would be high on that list for the majority of Ohioans. SB58 is a useless bill that I hope you will oppose. Thank you.