

Testimony on House Bill 248
Federalism Committee

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Chair Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 248.

As a resident, voter and taxpayer of Ohio since 1987, I am profoundly disturbed by the continuing effort to enact House Sub Bill 248, which will have potentially tragic consequences for Ohio citizens.

By making it easier for individuals with minimal training to bring firearms into our schools, this bill would add additional responsibilities to an already overburdened teaching and managerial staff. Teachers and principals should not be required to double as security personnel.

Lowering the age from 21 to 18 places guns in the hands of less-mature individuals. And "stand your ground" provisions are an invitation to tragedy. We have seen the results of such measures in other states, most notably in Florida with the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Markeis McGlockton, Chad Oulson and others. The people of Ohio should not have to live in such fear for their lives at the hands of other civilians with chips on their shoulders and itchy trigger fingers.

Finally, the manner in which this legislation is being advanced reeks of bad faith. Please do not advance HB 248.

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I oppose House Bill 248.

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