

Testimony on House Bill 227

House Government Oversight Committee

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Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Committee Member Rose Sweeney, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 227.

This bill is dangerous. Allowing people to carry a concealed weapon without a license is irresponsible at best, and deadly at worst. Incidents of road rage are on the rise. How many more people will end up injured or dead when irate drivers have concealed weapons and no license to carry them? Now that Stand Your Ground is a law in Ohio, Black men are already at greater risk of death by gun violence. How many more of them will die once more people have concealed weapons?

Do the right thing and kill this terrible bill, before it kills Ohioans.

Thank you.