

I stand in support of HB227 and Constitutional Carry so that law-abiding residents of Ohio can carry a firearm without having to obtain a permit whose process and training requirements are excessive and burdensomely bureaucratic. While I encourage all citizens to obtain professionally trained in the use of a firearm, this should not determine whether or not a law-abiding Ohio resident has the right to carry or defend self, family, or others

As a proponent of the bill, I would argue that Ohioans, should not have to pay for a constitutional right, and that criminals do not follow the laws anyway. This bill is for the lawful citizen in the state of Ohio. This bill is for the person who obeys our laws, who right now must jump over hurdles in order to be the person that gets a permit. Ohio should oppose any punitive taxes, fines, confiscations, restrictions, or prohibitions concerning lawful firearms, accessories, or ammunition and should not comply with or assist in any attempts, state or local, or foreign or domestic, to restrict the constitutional rights of our Residents. Let's do something for the law-abiding citizens for a change!

My priority is to ensure the Constitutional rights of our citizens are upheld; a law-abiding citizen has the right to carry a firearm and defend himself, his family, or other people in danger. Our Constitution already provides that right! This is important - Criminals do not get permits! The only person the permitting process hurts is the law-abiding person trying to protect himself and his family. I encourage the protection of the 2nd Amendment rights of our law-abiding residents. Upholding those rights is something I fully support, and restricting those rights is something I adamantly oppose. Currently 21 states, including some of our bordering states, already recognize the Constitutional rights for their citizens to carry a firearm without having to obtain permission from the government to do so. Ohio should too. Supporting and protecting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right to Keep and Bear Arms is to support Constitutional Carry.

Not only is Constitutional Carry the right policy and recognizes every citizen's God-given right to keep and bear arms, but it also gives folks like me the ability to protect ourselves and our families without having to beg for government permission first! People should not be required to ask for permission to protect themselves and their loved ones. Most importantly, guns help prevent crime. Police can't be everywhere; Constitutional Carry eliminates bureaucratic governmental restrictions to boost protection for law-abiding residents.

Armed Ohioans are SAFE Ohioans!