

Testimony Opposing HB 227
House Government and Oversight Committee
Submitted by: Donna Malone
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Chairman Wilkins and Ranking Member Sweeney and members of the Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for taking my testimony opposing HB 227. I live in Toledo and am a committed voter. I feel this bill would endanger Ohioans in any number of ways. The first priority of our state legislators and government in general is to protect its citizens. **The analysis of this bill by your own Ohio Legislative Service Commission states the following...**

“As a result, the bill allows the following categories of persons who are not eligible for a concealed weapons license to carry a concealed deadly weapon:

- ♣ A person who is currently being charged with a felony, a misdemeanor drug offense, a misdemeanor offense of violence, negligent assault, or falsification of a concealed weapons license;
- ♣ A person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor drug offense or misdemeanor assault of a peace officer;
- ♣ A person who, within the past ten years, has been convicted of misdemeanor resisting arrest;
- ♣ A person who, within the past five years, has been convicted of two or more counts of misdemeanor assault or negligent assault;
- ♣ A person whose concealed weapons license is suspended because the person was convicted of a specified misdemeanor offense involving an interaction with law enforcement;
- ♣ A person who has not completed the required competency certification”

With the legislatures responsibility to make laws that help and protect the residents of Ohio, I can't believe anyone even considers this bill much less vote for it! I know most of the Ohio Legislature is composed of Republicans who I always thought were the Law and Order party. This bill is anti-law enforcement and certainly will not make us any safer.

It seems to me that you are abdicating your responsibility to craft laws that keep your constituents safe and instead are pandering to the gun extremists and gun lobby. Given that so many of the January 6th insurgents were 'law abiding' citizens allowing so many to carry guns with no training and then carrying them openly is frightening to me. This is not the wild west of old but it seems to me that this bill is another of the many laws trying to be enacted that would return us to the 'lawlessness' of the old west.

Please do not let this bill out of you committee!

Thank You for taking my testimony on this troubling bill,

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