

State And Local Government Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 62  
Submitted by Barb McCarren

To Chairman Wiggams, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly and other Committee Members,

I am a retired teacher, mother of two boys and I live in Jackson Township, Stark County. I STRENUOUSLY oppose HB 62.

As a teacher, I have taught young people the US Constitution for a long time. Even our least advanced students are able to understand that state laws cannot be in conflict with Federal Laws. This bill would be indefensible in Court and millions of tax dollars would be wasted trying to defend it.

There is no need for this bill. Ohio gun owner's have plenty of protections for their second amendment rights. People who are prohibited by federal law from owning a gun make that list for a good reason...because they pose a real danger to law abiding Ohioans. This bill will result in prohibited people carrying concealed guns, without permits, background checks and will not make us safer. In fact, it will make our communities more dangerous. An FBI study of 160 active-shooting incidents from found that only one was stopped by an individual with a valid firearms permit. Peer reviewed research by Boston University' School of Public Health found that states that have fewer gun safety regulations have higher rates of gun deaths than states that have more regulations.

HB 62 is not needed and will just result in more law abiding citizen losing THEIR right to life.

Thank you,

Barb McCarren  
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