

Dear Senator,

I am writing you to ask you to oppose SB 215 – Permitless Carry.

I am a public health nurse and I believe that this bill is anti-public health as it will create an unsafe living environment for all Ohioans.

We do not allow people to drive without a license, so why would anyone allow individuals to carry a gun without a license. If this bill passes, the lives of all Ohioans will be endangered.

Neither the U.S. Constitution nor the Ohio Constitution protect concealed carry. The Ohio Supreme Court upheld a statute forbidding the carrying of concealed weapons and ruled that “there is no constitutional right to bear concealed weapons.” In 2003 in the case of Klein v. Leis.

SB 215 bill would allow people who have been convicted of misdemeanor assault on a police officer to carry a concealed weapon. We need to protect the people who protect us, not put them in further danger.

Multiple law enforcement groups (Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Association of Police Chiefs, Buckeye State Sheriff’s Association) oppose this bill. These are the groups that are protecting Ohio citizens. Please listen to them.

Again, I am urging you to oppose SB 215. I want to live in a state that is safe.

Sincerely,

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