HB 381 Stand Your Ground

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Representing self Oppose legislation: HB 381

Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

I am strongly opposed to HB 381, Stand Your Ground. This bill is likely to increase murders in Ohio, as it has in other states.

The very timing of this hearing is an affront to the millions of protesters in the streets of America this week, and to the thousands of marchers on the streets of Ohio. This week's First Amendment actions cry out for an end to police brutality, yet you seem anxious to increase brutality and deaths in Ohio with this legislation.

HB 381 is not needed. Gun owners already have adequate ability to protect their lives and property. Please don't give the hot-heads an excuse to shoot African-Americans because of their own racist fears. It is always better for a gun owner to retreat, saving two lives, including his own. Throwing this bill into the trash can will save lives.

Thank you, Constance Rubin