Testimony Against HB 381, Stand Your Ground

Dear Representatives,

I have no professional credentials to support my pleas, but I am a mother, and I am pleading with you to end your love affair with the gun lobby and overcome your fear of disappointing rich out-of-touch donors and misled and misleading constituents to STOP this bill in its tracks.

More guns in more hands mean more gun deaths—and too many of those killed are African Americans. How can you—-NOW, of all times—vote to bring more death to that community? How many of your African American peers in this House support this bill? What message about the dignity and worth and sanctity of Black Ohio lives are do you want to give?

The world is changing—it NEEDS to change—-and I will only vote for lawmakers who publicly condemn bills like this that endanger Black lives.

Thank you,

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