

I am writing to urge you to vote against HB 381. As testimony from yesterday's hearing pointed out, this bill will not provide any real additional protection to Ohio citizens, but it will encourage a climate of reckless violence and increase danger for many Ohioans, particularly citizens of color.

We have seen cases, such as that of Trayvon Martin, where a similar law in another state was used to justify the murder of a young man. I do not want the men and women of color in my community or in any community put in danger from misunderstandings, preconceptions, or racist violence. Please vote against this bill.

Thank you,

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