

Testimony on House Bill 248
Federalism Committee

Submitted by:
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Chair Becker, Vice Chair Stoltzfus, Ranking Member Miller, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to HB 248.

I am a citizen of Ohio and I am opposed to House Sub Bill 248. Stand your ground laws harm people on many levels. You may think these laws are protective but what they do is heighten anxiety in the business owner. Instead of running their business, they are now watching those that enter the business, judging them and thinking about what they should do to protect their business. Can you imagine the stress levels that occur in any human having to undertake this vigilance? And then, if innocent life is taken, what is the psychological toll on the person with the firearm as well as the psychological and physical damage done to another human being that may be innocent. Many lives can be damaged in many ways if this law is enacted. No moral being harms another without repercussion to themselves. Do not let this bill go farther. We need to stop physical and psychological damage to our citizens.

Another part of this bill, lowering the age for concealed carry, to allow teenagers to carry weapons, is dangerous. Neurological research has established that the rational part of the brain, the prefrontal cortex, is NOT developed in a teenage. Development is not complete until about 25 years of age. You will allow concealed weapons to be carried by adolescents. Is this wise? Is this how you want to best serve our Ohio youth? I beg you to reconsider sending this bill forward.

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I oppose House Bill 248.

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