

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.

My name is Susan Egan, I have lived in Ohio since 1987 and have been an active voter from the day I was able to vote.

When I was young my father had guns. He was a marksman, lifetime member of the NRA and liked hunting. My father was adamant that my sister and I both know how to handle guns safely. We were not even allowed to point gun "fingers" at each other in play.

My dad lost faith in the NRA when they became a political machine and they lost sight of safe gun practices. It seems the whole nation has become so enamored of having guns that common sense has been lost. HB248 is not addressing needs of our state. It is being snuck in. The method being used to pass this bill seems intentionally designed to conceal the provisions of this potential law from Ohio citizens and the lawmakers themselves. Replacing a simple, six-page bill about antique handguns with a complex 173 page compendium of gun lobby pet bills during a lame duck session is surely not conducive to thoughtful analysis and debate. The citizens of Ohio deserve better than these bad faith efforts to sneak looser gun laws past us with little consideration, publicity or debate.

How can anyone morally allow just any person to handle a gun, with permission to use it "if they feel unsafe" on another human being? How do the police feel about these policies? Aren't their jobs difficult enough without allowing citizens throughout our state to be armed? Will my son, a black man, be able to shoot a white man if they come to our door? Can I, a white woman, shoot the police if I feel they are threatening my son unjustly? HB248 sounds like I will be within my rights.

Do you believe that a frightened person with little experience will be looking beyond a scary or threatening situation to see who may be in range even if the target it hit? The news has carried numerous articles of people killed after a bullet passed into their home through walls.

HB248 is going to create more danger, more accidents and more court cases. I can't see any thing positive about this bill. The only people that might profit from this would be the people that sell guns. Are they more important then the rest of the Ohioans

I call my friends and neighbors?  
Stop HB248.

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I oppose House Bill 248.

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