Dear Ohio Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, I am an Ohio citizen born and raised.  I lived in both  Cuyahoga and Summit  County's. I am 49 year old  and worked and lived all my life in Ohio. It's the only place I have ever called home. I was born with a tumor that has left me with halfe a chest and one functional lung. At five days of age I had surgery to remove the tumor  that was in my chest. The doctor's of Rainbow and Baby's Hospital did not know if it would save my life or not. But took the chance. And I made but some what disabled but still  able to work and pay taxes and be a supportive part of society.  Twelve years ago that all cam to an end. I developed  Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension and now need to live with the assistance of oxygen.  I am no longer able to work, provide for my self and feel like a burden to the system.  When a man can no longer provide for himself and loved ones, he feels like a failure. Meny people who find them self's  for whatever reason  handicap fall pray to evil. Nun so much more than a physical attack.  My state is an open carry state. It's  also a canceled carry state. The first was formed in buy the founding fathers of this state. The second buy me and other Ohio gun owning voters. I add and attach  this my personal statement to this email so that you hear my voice. My story. And why I ask of you please don't hinder my right to self protection. Please don't give the evil in this world to have more power then good people's of this state. Don't punish me for my rights to protect my self. My family and any other citizen. If you have honestly read this I thank you for you time. And thank you for listening.

I'm submitting this testimony in favor of Senate Bill 237 by Senator Terry Johnson because self-defense is a human right, and SB237 would recognize that. For far too long, Ohio law has by default sided with the criminal over the law-abiding, and SB237 would change that. From removing a lawful citizen's requirement to retreat from an attacker, to the establishment of pretrial hearings, to the codifying of deescalation tools for violent situations, every part of this bill is common sense. The fact is, Stand-Your-Ground law does NOT increase violent crime or empower people to kill others with impunity, as the entire concept of SB237 and self-defense is based on the common-law principle of the "reasonable man." Contrary to what opponents will say, this bill does not make it harder for law-enforcement or prosecutors to do their jobs because investigation and conviction standards are not changed in this bill! As a lawful citizen of this great state, I urge this committee to vote YES on SB237 and pass it out of committee with no weakening amendments or changes.