House Government Oversight Committee Opposition Testimony HB 227 Submitted by: Carol Hasek

Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important public safety matter.

I am a resident and consistent voter from Avon Lake, OH. I am writing as a concerned citizen to oppose HB 227. Permit-less Carry would expand the ability to carry concealed handguns to felons and people charged with crimes who cannot currently obtain a CCW. We need laws that will encourage responsible gun ownership. Widening the net of who can carry concealed weapons, when gun violence is increasing in our state, is not a way to reduce gun violence and keep our communities safe. Please do not add to Ohio's gun violence pandemic! Reject HB 227.

Thank you, Carol Hasek