

House Government Oversight Committee
Opposition Testimony HB 227
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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair White, Ranking Member Sweeney and Committee Members, thank you for allowing me to testify on this important matter.

My name is William Koltek. I am a 33-year Ohio resident, voter and taxpayer, and I am writing in opposition to House Bill 227. I live in a rural area (Louisville, OH). The Constitution of the United States of America is a great work of justice. The Ohio State Supreme Court has already ruled that "the right to bear arms is not absolute" and states have power of "regulation of the manner of carrying them", (State vs. Nieto, 1920). Common sense limits like background checks are constitutional and do not interfere with the 2nd amendment. I am sure that the author(s) of this bill know that. This legislation must be, therefore, political theater for their pro-gun base.

This bill would attempt to eliminate all permitting, background checks and training requirements for concealed carry in Ohio. This is a dangerous path for Ohio!

The Republican party often claims to be the party of law and order. This bill would promote anarchy and lawlessness. Please spend your time writing serious gun safety legislation that would save some of the 1,400+ Ohioans who die each year from gun violence.

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