

Opponent Testimony House Bill 272
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To the Chairman, Ranking Member, and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I'm a mother and grandmother residing in Jackson Township, Stark County. I strongly oppose HB 272.

Ohioans WANT common sense gun safety measures. This bill will especially endanger women and children because it will allow people coming to a multiuse building (which contains a courtroom) to carry a gun before and after the hearing. An ex-husband, for instance, with an "axe to grind" could walk into the building before or after a contentious custody battle starts and wait for his ex-wife to walk down the hall and then intimidate her with the gun, or worse, shoot her!

It also puts judges and other members of the court at risk in the same scenario as above. Not to mention citizens and employees in the building for other legitimate purposes!

Ohioans are increasingly feeling anxious about how unsafe our state has become. Please do not put us in even more dangerous situations as we try to peacefully conduct our lives. **OUR RIGHTS MATTER AS MUCH AS THE 2nd AMENDMENT!**

I urge you to reject HB 272.

Thank you,
Lenore Brechun