

House Government Oversight Committee
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Committee Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey and Committee Members:

My name is Sandra Fiehrer and I'm a concerned mom, wife and gun safety voter writing this testimony to vehemently oppose HB 51 not only for myself, but for my family and neighbors who feel that Ohio has become a dangerous place to live and raise our families. This legislative body appears to blatantly disregard our safety. HB 51 will not only make Ohio a more dangerous extremist state, but it is also unconstitutional.

States that have passed this legislation are spending taxpayer dollars to defend gun lobby legislation instead of doing what they were elected to do. On March 7, a Federal Judge in Missouri ruled that Missouri's nearly identical bill is unconstitutional because it pre-empts the federal government under the US Constitution's supremacy clause.

HB 51 proposes penalizing law enforcement for upholding federal guns laws by exposing Ohio political subdivisions employing law enforcement officers to \$50K fines. This is reckless and dangerous lawlessness to appeal to a minority of extremist supporters of the legislative members supporting this. Ohio lives are at stake. This bill will also declare federal regulations regarding rapid-fire enhancing pistol braces (as used in the 2019 slaughter of Dayton residents) unenforceable.

It removes restrictions on firearms longer than 26 inches. What real problem is this solving? It appears to create more gun violence, create civil suits and spend our tax dollars to defend guns instead of upholding the constitution.

By putting their self-interest and special interests above the people of Ohio, Republicans in this legislature are continuing to prove to voters that they are not focused on helping Ohioans. Gun Safety is not a partisan issue. It is wildly popular with the majority of Ohioans. Even more popular than Issue 1. I ask you to vote NO on this dangerous bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.