

Calls To Action

Federal Bill that needs immediate attention:

H.R. 38 – Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017 - passed the House December 6, 2017

This bill amends the federal criminal code to allow a qualified individual to carry a concealed handgun into or possess a concealed handgun in another state that allows individuals to carry concealed firearms.

A qualified individual must: (1) be eligible to possess, transport, or receive a firearm under federal law; (2) carry a valid photo identification document; and (3) carry a valid concealed carry permit issued by, or be eligible to carry a concealed firearm in, his or her state of residence.

Additionally, the bill specifies that a qualified individual who lawfully carries or possesses a concealed handgun in another state: (1) is not subject to the federal prohibition on possessing a firearm in a school zone, and (2) may carry or possess the concealed handgun in federally owned lands that are open to the public.

Cons: Reciprocity effectively guts existing state laws. Some states have stringent safeguards in place for issuing conceal carry permits, like mandating training and thorough evaluations; other states do almost nothing to vet the people who would be carrying guns in public. In Utah, for instance, all someone has to do to get a concealed carry permit is take a gun safety class certified by the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification. In Virginia, people get four attempts to answer 15 of 20 questions correctly after taking an online course to get a permit. Currently, 19 states don't require any gun safety training in order to carry a concealed gun in public, and 12 states don't require a permit or background check, according to Everytown for Gun Safety. HR 38 effectively neutralizes the playing field. What's more, there is a loophole that would allow individuals who don't qualify for a permit in their state of residence to be able to get one in a state with little to no restrictions.

“Under Hudson’s bill, a California resident who cannot get a concealed-carry permit in California can easily get one from Utah, and then carry guns in California without ever setting foot in Utah, and not for some short duration like a tourist stay, but for the rest of his life and every day,” Adam Winkler, a law professor at the University of California-Los Angeles, explained to me when the bill was introduced in January. “The real impact of the Hudson bill is not to protect interstate travelers; it’s to require states with restrictive concealed-carry policies to allow their own residents to carry guns.”

Call Senator Rob Portman and Senator Sherrod Brown and ask them to vote no on House Bill 38 - (202) 224-3121

Ohio Bill that needs immediate attention:

Ohio S.B 180 – Bill dubbed – “Stand Your Ground/Shoot First”

Sens. Uekcer, Hottinger; Cosponsors: Sens. Hoagland, Terhar, Jordan. to assign to the prosecution the burden of disproving a self-defense or related claim, to expand the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat before using force under both civil and criminal law, and to modify the Concealed Handgun Licensing Law regarding a licensee's duty to keep the licensee's hands in plain sight, the penalties for illegally carrying a concealed firearm or improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle, and the posting of warning signs regarding the possession of weapons on specified premises. (Stand Your Ground/Shoot First.) **Status: Assigned to Senate Judiciary Committee.**

Cons: This bill effectively weakens Ohio gun laws, by allowing citizens to carry loaded, hidden guns in public without a permit or safety training. The bill makes Ohio a Stand Your Ground State, allowing a person to shoot to kill in public, even when there is a clear and safe alternative - giving everyday citizens more leeway to shoot.

Call your State Senator and State Representative and ask them to vote no on Senate Bill 180 - 1-800-282-0253



December 13, 2017

National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence – Dayton

Welcome and Introduction: John Paddock, Pastor Christ Episcopal Church

Reflections and Speakers:

Martha Clark

Melissa Rodriguez

Darren Byrd

Valerie Lee

Sister Jeanette Buehler

Caitlin Jacob

Candle Ceremony

Prayer

Audience – please join in singing “Let There Be Peace on Earth” by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson-Miller

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.

Thank you for participating. Please feel free to contact us, if you would like to stay involved.

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