Governor John Kasich

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Dear Governor Kasich,

I am writing to urge you to veto HB 228 and SB 180, known collectively as the "Kill at Will" bill.

Gun violence is a human rights crisis. This law would put lives at risk by creating an expansive Stand Your Ground law, including a punitive preemption provision barring city municipal leaders from taking steps to address gun violence.

This bill violates U.S. human rights obligations. Stand Your Ground laws violate the right to life. They also racially discriminate due to inequities in their application. States with these laws see a 75% increase in justifiable homicides and a 21.7% increase in unlawful homicides. This policy has proven both deadly and ineffective. This bill would endanger lives and would open cities to lawsuits for passing gun ordinances to protect Ohioans from gun violence.

The nation is looking to your example. Please honor your promise to keep Ohioans safe by vetoing HB 228 and SB 180.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,