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Dear Editor,

As a subscriber to *Name of Paper*, I am writing in response to “Title of Article” (date article appeared) concerning House Bill 12. This important legislation would allow law-abiding citizens, who have satisfied a criminal background check and taken a firearm safety training course, to obtain a permit to carry a handgun concealed for personal protection.

The Ohio House and Senate have appointed a Conference Committee to work out their differences in House Bill 12. Readers of *Name of Paper* need to voice their support for a Conference Committee report, which could remove the current provision requiring all permit holders who are traveling in a car with passengers under the age of 18 to secure their handguns in a locked box, thus, rendering their guns inaccessible and useless for self defense. This provision, approved by the members of the Senate, is unacceptable and contradicts the underlying principles of a Right-to-Carry law. This Senate provision, in fact, could put law-abiding concealed carry permit holders in great danger by creating an unnecessary “victim zone.”

For the first time in 10 years, Right-to-Carry is on the brink of becoming a reality in Ohio. Currently, Ohio is one of only five states that does not have at least some sort of statute allowing law-abiding citizens to carry firearms for self protection. Many of Ohio’s neighbors have already passed fair, non-discretionary “Shall Issue” permit laws. It is high time the Ohio Legislature passed Right-to-Carry and recognized law-abiding Ohioans right to self-defense.

I encourage all Ohio citizens to contact their lawmakers and encourage them to act swiftly on the Conference Committee report, and, if needed, an override of the Governor’s veto. Further, I urge *Name of Paper* to report fairly and objectively on this life-saving measure.

Sincerely,

Your Name