

US Representatives Keith Rothfus  
1205 Longworth HOB  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rothfus,

The Public Safety Task Force of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network, a grassroots, faith-based organization of many congregations in southwest PA, is writing to ask you to vote “No” on H.R. 38, the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017.

We believe that the citizens of Pennsylvania and our Attorney General should continue to have the discretion to create or cancel reciprocity agreements with other states as afforded under current state law. Requirements in other states can change and it is unacceptable to put Pennsylvanians at risk by forcing us to accept the lowest common denominator. We feel this measure is a significant threat to public safety in Pennsylvania.

Additionally, the proposed legislation forces our cities, counties and the State to pay the legal fees of out-of-state visitors whose concealed carry permit is challenged by law enforcement. Our state and local governments should not be subjected to this additional financial burden.

This legislation is an unnecessary threat to public safety, and is contradictory to states’ rights. We again urge you to vote against it.

Sincerely,

PIIN Public Safety Task Force  
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