



# Buckeye Firearms Association

## Memo

**To: House Ways and Means Committee**

**From: Rob Sexton, Legislative Affairs Director, Buckeye Firearms Association**

**Date: September 26, 2023**

**Re: Support for HB 186**

Mr. Chairman, members of the House Ways and Means Committee, I am here on behalf of Buckeye Firearms Association in favor of House Bill 186. We are proponents of the bill with one small exception that we ask this committee to remedy if the bill is advanced.

HB 186 is a straightforward bill that simply exempts the sales tax on the purchase of firearm safety devices such as gun safes, lock boxes, trigger locks etc. Over the last thirty years there have been countless attempts to mandate the methods by which gun owners store their firearms. BFA has consistently opposed this approach. Bu House Bill 186 takes a different approach by making firearm safety devices more affordable by exempting them from sales tax. We think this is a great idea, especially in today's environment of hyper-inflation.

There is one aspect of House Bill 186 that BFA opposes, and it can be corrected easily. HB 186 mandates that retailers that sell firearm safety devices post a conspicuous poster explaining that the state has exempted firearm safety devices from sales tax. It also requires that retailers provide written notice to a customer each time a firearm is sold or transferred. While we would encourage retailers to promote what amounts to a discount on these items to their customers, we do not support this unfunded mandate. If this committee chooses to advance House Bill 186 for further debate, BFA requests that this requirement be struck from the bill.

Otherwise, it is our hope that the House Ways and Means Committee would pass House Bill 186, and we thank Representatives Brewer and Brennan for bringing the legislation forward.