

Proponent Testimony HB 186
House Ways and Means Committee
Submitted by Pat Krummrich

Dear Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy and members of the committee. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

I support HB 186 which would exempt gun safety devices from sales tax. This bill should be an easy, bipartisan way to save lives by encouraging safe storage of firearms.

I am a retired health care provider from Akron Children's Hospital where I treated many patients with gun injuries. I also held my own daughter's hand as she passed away at age 15 in the hospital. One of my friends from the Akron/Canton area experienced the tragic death of her 11 year-old son when his older brother accessed an improperly stored gun and shot his younger brother. I now live in West Chester (suburb of Cincinnati) where we frequently see reports of youth accessing guns and shooting themselves or others.

Regardless of your party or your stance on guns, it should be easy for you to support HB 186. This bill can save lives without impinging on any 2nd amendment rights! In fact, it can help save gun owners money! Data shows that secure storage of firearms lessens the likelihood of shootings by children. Gun owners can make their homes and communities safer by storing their guns securely.

Please Vote YES on HB 186.

Respectfully,
Pat Krummrich