

House Ways and Means Committee  
Proponent Testimony: HB168  
Submitted by: Mike Hubbard

To the Chair, Ranking Member and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in support of HB 186.

My name is Mike Hubbard. I am a lifelong resident of Ohio. Until recently, my wife and I lived in Clinton, Ohio, a small rural town outside of Canton, where we raised our 3 daughters. I'm proud to say that two of our three daughters are teachers and the other is a school psychologist. They all work for schools in N. E. Ohio. Recently we built a new house in Medina, OH to be close to our children.

Our oldest daughter has already experienced a school shooting during her teaching career. A student accessed his mother's gun at home and brought it to school, intent on carrying out a mass shooting. When he was discovered loading the gun in the bathroom (right across from our daughter's classroom), he killed himself.

The number one cause of death for children in Ohio is guns. This bill can help save lives by encouraging gun owners to buy gun locks, making it less likely that children will access the guns. Both Republicans and Democrats can support this bill. It does not interfere with the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment in any way. Everyone should want to keep guns out of the hands of children.

Vote Yes on HB 186.

Respectfully,  
Mike Hubbard