

House Ways and Means Committee
Proponent Testimony: HB186
Submitted by Sammie Dannug

To the Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony.

My name is Sammie Dannug and I am a teacher at Jackson Middle School in Massillon, Oh. I urge you to support HB 186 which would exempt gun safety devices from sales tax.

In 2018, I experienced an attempted school shooting that ended with the shooter taking his own life in the school bathroom. My classroom was just 2 doors down from that bathroom. I hid with my students in the classroom for 4 hours until the all clear. A worse tragedy was averted because another student saw the gun and ran to tell a teacher. The shooter accessed his mother's gun in his home.

This is a quiet suburban community, with excellent schools, surrounded by rural areas and I never expected that I would face this situation. I am horrified at the easy access to guns in our communities.

If you have the common sense to pass HB 186, you will encourage gun owners to get gun locks/boxes. By making it harder for children to access the guns in their homes, you will save lives. This should be an easy decision for you!

Please pass HB 186.
Sammie Dannug