

House Ways And Means Committee  
Opposition Testimony on HB 189  
Submitted by: Anne Bobinick

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

As a retired mental health nurse and educator in Ohio, I oppose HB 189.

I have grave concerns about this bill. Respected research shows that states with more guns generally have more gun suicides. "The correlation between guns and suicide is strong but inexact, since both are influenced by poverty, population density, and crime. The nine states that rank lowest in terms of gun prevalence are the very same nine that rank lowest for suicide rates. Similarly, the three states top-ranked for gun prevalence can be found among the four states ranking highest for suicide rates." (1)  
Because HB 189, will promote more gun sales and gun ownership in Ohio it is likely to increase gun suicides in our state.

**Please reject HB 189.**

Respectfully,

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1. Havard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Literature Review)  
<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hicrc/firearms-research/guns-and-death/>