

Ways And Means Committee  
Opposition Testimony HB 189  
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To the Chair, Ranking Member, and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 189.

As a mother and voter living in Massillon, Ohio, **I oppose HB 189.**  
The 2nd Amendment is already VERY well protected in Ohio.

Granting special tax status to sales of dangerous weapons is a slap in the face to the rest of Ohioans. Research from a number of studies finds that states that have looser gun laws and higher rates of gun ownership have higher rates of gun violence, suicides and mass shootings. It is not fair to the rest of Ohioans to continue to prioritize the “rights” of gun owners over the right to life and safety of the rest of us.

Please stop HB 186.

Thank you,  
Ashley Brechan