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### HB 585 Testimony

Before I begin I would like to thank you all for letting me speak on behalf of HB 585.

My name is Allison Whisman, and I am a student at Pickerington High School Central. At my school I helped start an anti gun violence group created by students for students. As a group we have held a stand in in remembrance of the Parkland victims, as well as held a walkout to our courtyard, where we held a rally for us and others to express our views on gun violence. Our main goal is to get bills like this one passed in order to insure our safety from gun violence within our schools, malls, clubs, movie theaters, concerts, restaurants, and even our homes.

With House Bill Number 585 the restrictions needed to prevent future mass shooters will be put into place, such as making it illegal for someone who is a fugitive, committed a felony, drug dependent, mentally ill, been dishonorably discharged, an illegal immigrant, has revoked citizenship, or if the person is considered an extreme risk to own a "Dangerous Ordnance". This bill also makes it harder to obtain, give, sell, and lend "Dangerous Ordnances". Preventing future shooters from committing their crimes not only saves lives but removes the fear that I, as a student, feel after a student gets in a heated argument with a fellow classmate or teacher. The number one thing us students

should have to worry about is our grades, not if whether not we will make it home. And with this bill, we can feel safer in our schools and other places.

Thank you again for the time.